



# THE CHIMES

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## From the Pastor

Lately we have been hearing a great deal about stewardship in our church. Several of our church family members volunteered to share their thoughts on the subject during recent worship services. Each of their presentations was different, even though they were all speaking on the same subject. One person spoke of their habit of giving began with the teaching of his parents. Another one spoke of the wonderful things the church offers – things that no other group or organization can give us. Still another speaker reminded us that good stewardship of time also meant being together as a family at church and the church's related activities. One very moving presentation described the value of worship and what it has meant to him and his wife. I cannot possibly do justice to all of the presentations, but I must say that each one affected me. I was deeply moved to hear the thoughts of some of our church family. I am grateful for the experience.

Now I guess the question remains: what do I think of stewardship and what am I prepared to do about it? I would begin by saying that everything we have is given to us by God and we serve God out of love and gratitude for these gifts. It is not how much we have but what we do with what we have that is important. In 1 Peter, chapter 4, it is written, "As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." God has made each

one of us a steward – and has given us abilities and talents that are unique for each of us to use in our lives. In other words, stewardship is the way we say thank you to God for all our blessings.

The first and greatest gift we have received is the gift of our lives. Because of that we have great responsibilities. We are the stewards of our lives and God depends upon us to use our lives to accomplish God's purposes. Beginning with this great gift, there are many kinds of stewardship in which we are called to participate.

1. The Stewardship of Time – Since none of us knows how much time we have, each moment is a gift from God which we must use wisely. We must budget our hours so that we are able to give of our time to fulfill God's plan.

2. The Stewardship of Health – God gave us minds to be used to fullest capacity in discovering and carrying out God's plan. We were also given bodies with which to accomplish God's work: bodies which must be treated with respect and not abused.

3. The Stewardship of Talents – God has given all people potential talents and each of us can share in God's plan in our own way. We are called upon to use our talents wisely, that they may contribute to God's work here on earth.

4. The Stewardship of Relationships – Our relationships with others are a gift from God. In our homes we are called to

provide Christian education for our children, living and growing together as a family. At work we are called to show our fellow workers the example of Christian behavior and supportive caring. In church we are called to participate with others in worship, projects, and the life of the church, forming friendships and caring relationships.

5. The Stewardship of the Gospel – As Christians, we are called to receive the Gospel, which is an act of faith in God. We are called to share the Gospel with the world, that all who believe in God will have eternal life. We are called to reflect the Gospel in our daily living.

6. The Stewardship of Property – We bring nothing into this world and we take nothing out of it. Everything that we have while we live comes as a gift from God. We would do well to remember this.

In return for all our blessings we choose to share our resources with our church in order that God's work may be continued in us. Giving money to the church is a symbolic act – the offering of ourselves in service and devotion to God. Giving is a practical matter because the offering makes it possible for the church to pay its bills and carry out its mission in Christ's name. We seek no rewards for our stewardship; we do it with the joy of serving God. But, somehow, in practicing good stewardship we are rewarded again and again as God gives us grace upon grace.

Stewardship is the responsibility of the Christian life, making our prayers, worship, study of the Scriptures, and Christian action truly sincere. Thanks be to God for each new opportunity for service!

Sandra M Reed

## JOIN US FOR A NEW WAY TO PRAY

Our guided meditation experience has begun! If you would like to be a part of it, you are most welcome. At the present time, we are meeting at 9:00 AM on Mondays (with the exception of October 4<sup>th</sup>) and at 2:00 on Tuesdays downstairs in the library. There is also a possibility of an evening group, so if that appeals to you please let Sandra Reed know.

Our first experiences have been very positive, so please join us if you have a desire to study Scripture more closely and learn some positive techniques for relaxation.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Reed.

## Thank You!

Not only have Estelle and Owen been working on sprucing up and managing repairs to the church this year, but most recently they replaced the badly worn shutters on the South side of the church at their expense.

We thank Estelle Megguier, and Kim and Owen Craighead for caring so much for our church and their generosity as well.

## Volunteers Needed

There is an urgent need for volunteers to serve as liturgists and coffee hosts in the month of October. Please sign the sheet in the narthex if you can help. Thank you!



## Supporting the Food Pantry

This month there are two ways to support the Bar Harbor Food Pantry! First, October is our month to staff the Bar Harbor Food Pantry. We need to fill at least three slots for each of the six days the pantry is open in October: Tuesdays Oct. 5, 12 and 19 from 9:00 AM to noon, and Thursdays Oct. 7, 14 and 21 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Please sign up on the easel during coffee hour, or call Al Simons at 244-3207 or send email to [al@simonshome.org](mailto:al@simonshome.org). Thanks!

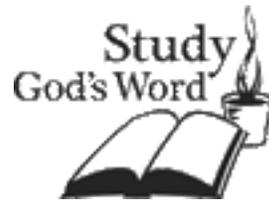
Additionally, the Food Pantry is always in need of food donations. You can simply leave your donation in the grocery cart in the church entrance. The list of most-needed items is: canned soup (other than Chicken Noodle), beans, especially Baked Beans, jelly and cereal.

## Helping Your Neighbor

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on Sunday October 3rd, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries. Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. For more information and to contribute on-line, visit [www.ucc.org/nin](http://www.ucc.org/nin).

On Sunday, October 3rd, Neighbors in Need offering envelopes will be included in the bulletin and collected during the service. Your gift may also be given to the church office the following week. The Sunday School children have also been given coin boxes and information about the Neighbor in Need mission, and their boxes will be collected that day.

Your Outreach Board thanks you for your generosity and support in making a more peaceful and just world possible. .



Join us at the church for Thursday Bible Study at 10 AM. Can you guess what day of the week?

We have been studying the Gospel According to Mark and are just finishing Chapter 11 where Jesus gives the perfect answer to the chief priests, scribes and elders who are trying to get him to incriminate himself. Come join us to see how Jesus gets himself out of a tight corner.

Scheduling note:

We will not be meeting October 7 or 14 because several of us will be away. We'll continue our study on October 21. We'd love to have you join us!

## Help Reduce Carbon Emissions

On Sunday, October 10, 2010, (10/10/10), students, families, businesses, churches and individuals are invited to meet at the Bar Harbor Ball Park beside the Farmer's Market at 11:45 am for a group photograph with a banner showing local efforts to reduce carbon emissions 10 percent this year. MDI will be joining others around the world ([www.350.org](http://www.350.org)) to reduce carbon emissions to less than 350 parts per million (ppm), the safe upper limit in our atmosphere. They are presently at 390 ppm.

Many are working locally to protect the earth by walking, biking, riding the bus, buying local produce, recycling, planting trees, changing light bulbs to CFL or LEDs, planting gardens, insulating houses, installing solar panels and more. What can you add?

To be included on the banner, email your name and your action to [<mdi101010@gmail.com>](mailto:mdi101010@gmail.com). In addition, send jpeg photos of children, families, or groups engaged in actions to reduce carbon emissions. Include a short caption with names. As many photos as possible will be sent to newspapers, and all actions and names will be listed on the banner at the Ball Park on 10/10/10. Join us at the Ball Park in Bar Harbor at 11:45 am! Sponsored by Acadia Friends (Quaker) Meeting. Contact Gray Cox or Carole Beal (374-5844) for additional information.



Penny Frost and Robert L'Heureux,  
September 4, 2010



Carly Pauline Collier, daughter of Dean and Brooke Collier and little sister of David Collier, September 14, 2010

Graham Laughlan Langley, son of Kevin and Geneva Langley and little brother of Madeleine Rose Langley



A note about Sunday School Registration - Parents and kids... It's still not too late to register for Sunday School! Just see Kathy MacCulloch or Kathy Woodside and we will get you in. As for the adults in our congregation, if you would like to help out with Sunday School in some way...we always need snack shepherds; folks to help with crafts; simple carpentry and other fix-it jobs. We can find something for anyone who is interested in being a part of this exciting program.

## Pass It On

Pass on the word of encouragement in an honest compliment ....

Pass on the look of encouragement in a generous smile ....

Pass on the touch of encouragement in a hearty handshake ....

Pass on the kindness of encouragement in a thoughtful deed ....

And let the encouragement of Christ flow through you.

# A TASTE OF GRACE

Because Jesus died and rose for us, we have the free gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. That's the meaning of grace: "God's Riches At Christ's Expense."

Celebrate God's grace by "spelling it out" with this fun, nutritious recipe.

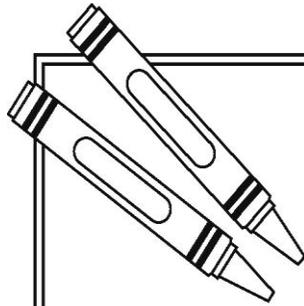
## What you need:

- An adult to help
- 2 bowls
- Mixing spoon
- 1 Tablespoon yeast
- 1/2 cup warm water
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1 1/3 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Cutting board
- Cookie sheet



## What you do:

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees.
2. In a small bowl, stir the yeast with the water and honey. Let the mixture sit for five minutes.
3. In another bowl, stir the flour and salt together.
4. After five minutes, add the bubbly yeast mixture to the flour and salt mixture.
5. Stir everything together, first with a spoon and then with your hands. The dough is ready when it's still a little crumbly.
6. Put the dough on a cutting board with a little flour. Knead it into one big ball.
7. Divide the dough into 12 pieces, and roll each piece into a snake shape.
8. Form the letters G R A C E (twice). Then form the two extra pieces into any shape you choose.
9. Bake your letters and shapes on the cookie sheet for about 10 minutes. Let cool, and enjoy!



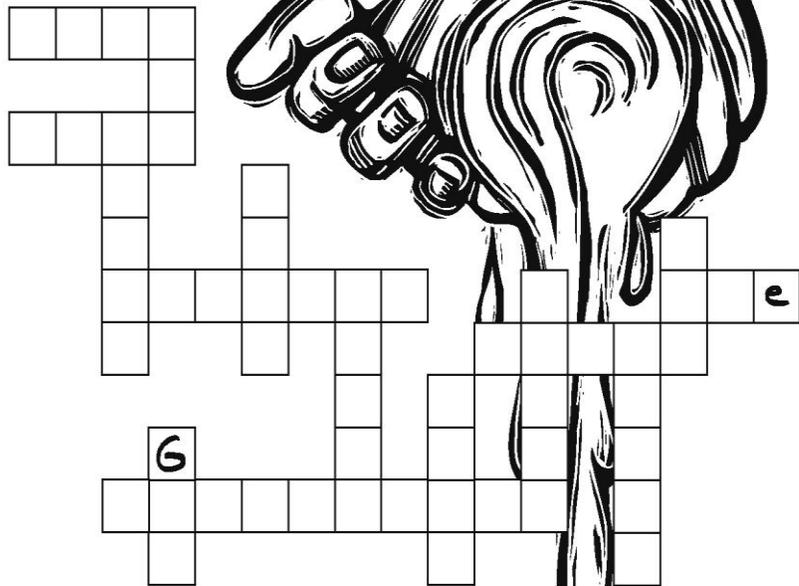
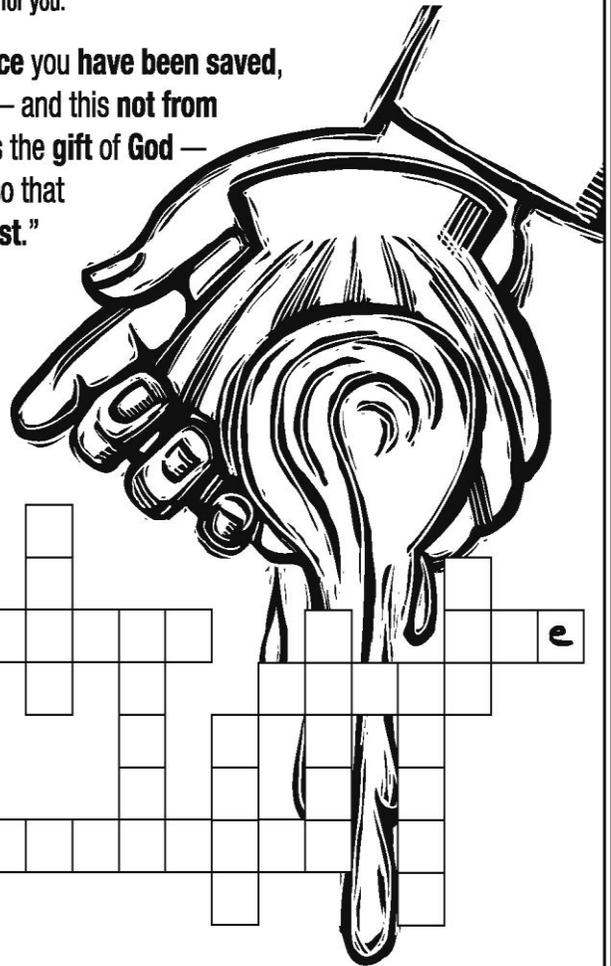
Just for **KIDS**

# THE GIFT

God has given us a gift that we can't work for or buy. Discover what this gift is by reading Ephesians 2:8-9, NIV.

Fit the words in bold into the word puzzle below. We've provided two letters for you.

"For it is by **grace** you **have been saved**, **through faith** — and this **not from yourselves**, it is the gift of **God** — **not by works**, so that **no one can boast.**"



# October



1 Ann Lee  
5 Kristie Rechholtz  
6 Robert Sanderson  
16 Charles Benore  
16 Dorothy White  
16 Fred Olson  
21 Evan Beals  
22 Deborah Dyer  
22 Robert Gray  
24 Michael Bonsey  
24 Kathryn Kief  
25 Edwin Soule  
27 Karl Haller  
28 Ellen Reed  
29 Eva Bonsey  
29 Florence Ames  
29 Caroline McMinimy

## Home Bible Readings

3 Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26  
Psalm 137  
2 Timothy 1:1-4  
Luke 17:5-10  
  
10 Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7  
Psalm 66: 1-12  
2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19

## Sunday Worship Contributors

**Head Deacon –** May Vinette  
**Assistant Deacons –** Scott  
Hammond, Bruce Blake,  
Ann Lee, Kathy Kief,  
Lindsay Shopland

### Liturgists-

3: Anne Warner  
10:  
17:  
24: Debbie Dyer  
31:

### Flowers –

3: Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Soule  
10: Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Spurling  
17: Marjorie Beam & Greg and Crystal Dow  
24:  
31: Bill and Judy Fuller

### Coffee Hosts -

3:  
10:  
17:  
24:  
31:

## Home Bible Readings Continued

17 Jeremiah 31:27-34  
Psalm 119: 97-104  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
Luke 18:1-8  
  
24 Joel 2:23-32  
Psalm 65  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14  
  
31 Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4  
Psalm 119:137-144  
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12  
Luke 19:1-10

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3 <b><u>Neighbors in Need Sunday</u></b> Worship and Sunday School 10:00 am Girl Scouts 2-5 pm	4 Guided Meditation Workshop 9:00 AM Cancer Support Group 5:00-6:30	5 Guided Meditation Workshop 2:00 Cub Scout Pack Mtng. 6:00-7:30 Acadia Shawl Ministry 7:00	6	7 Adult Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM	8	9
10 Worship and Sunday School 10 am Blessing of the Animals 3:00 PM	11 <b>Columbus Day</b> Guided Meditation Workshop 9:00	12 Guided Meditation Workshop 2:00 <b>Outreach 7:00</b>	13	14 Adult Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM	15	16
17 Worship and Sunday School 10:00 am Apple Festival coffee hour Girl Scouts 2-5 pm	18 Guided Meditation Workshop 9:00	19 Guided Meditation Workshop 2:00 Acadia Shawl Ministry 7:00	20 <b><u>Chimes</u></b> <b><u>Articles</u></b> <b><u>Due!</u></b>	21 Bible Study 10:00 Trustees 5:30 Adult Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM	22	23 <b>Harvest Potluck</b>
24 Family Worship 10:00am - no Sunday School ----- 31 Worship and Sunday School 10:00 am	25 Guided Meditation Workshop 9:00	26 Guided Meditation Workshop 2:00	27 <b>Church Council 7:00</b>	28 Bible Study 10:00 Adult Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM	29	30

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## Special dates

- World Communion Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010
- Columbus Day Observance, Oct. 11, 2010
- Reformation Day, October 31, 2010

## One Saint's Goal

St. Therese, who lived in 19th-century France, was known for her thoughtfulness and genuine caring toward people. She always tried to act in a manner that reflected Christ.

St. Therese wrote the following about her intended lifestyle: "That shall be my life, to scatter flowers – to miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word, always doing the tiniest things right, and doing it for love."

## Three Kinds of Faith

There are three kinds of faith in Christ:

1. Struggling faith, like a man in deep water desperately swimming.
  2. Clinging faith, like a man hanging to the side of a boat.
  3. Resting faith, like a man safely within the boat (and able to reach out with a hand to help someone else get in).
- D.L. Moody

## What is a Christian Family?

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one in which parents so live the Christian life, and practice the presence of God that children come to accept God as the greatest reality of life.

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one in which each member is accepted and respected as a person having sacred worth.

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one that accepts the responsibility of worship and instruction to the end of developing the spiritual life of each person.

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one that manifests a faith in God, observes daily prayer and grace at meals.

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one that is committed to behavior in keeping with Christian ideals for family relations, community life, and national and world citizenship.