

THE CHIMES

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From the Pastor:

What a wonderful Easter we had! The highest holy day was celebrated with great joy at our church. I am so very grateful for the wonderful music, the excitement of the young people, and the beauty of the flowers gracing our chancel. All in all, a fitting offering to God in gratitude and praise for God's goodness. I hope you were there to enjoy the festivities. (By the way, thanks to the Deacons for providing both a scrumptious breakfast and a delectable coffee hour. You outdid yourselves!)

And so, where do we go from here? Throughout the season of Lent we engaged in an inward examination to see what we needed to do to ready ourselves to serve God more effectively and faithfully. We moved through Holy Week, reliving Jesus' passion, and emerged on Easter celebrating Christ's victory. Now what? Is there anything else we can do?

You already knew I was going to say yes, of course, there is much to be done! According to the liturgical calendar, we will remain in Easter for awhile, and fifty days after Easter, we will celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit into Christ's Church on earth. Pentecost will be celebrated on June 12 during our worship service. Then we move into a time that is referred to as

"Ordinary Time." This liturgical season lasts for many weeks.

It has always bothered me that this is referred to as Ordinary Time. Actually, there are two periods of liturgical time called Ordinary Time: just after Epiphany and just after Pentecost. What could possibly be ordinary about the days following the birth of our Savior, His Resurrection, and the coming of the Holy Spirit to His Church? Well, nothing, as it turns out.

Ordinary Time is defined in this way:

...the season of the Christian liturgical calendar. The English name is intended to translate the Latin term, Tempus per annum (literally "time through the year"). The weeks in Ordinary Time are numbered, although several Sundays are named for the feast they commemorate, such as Trinity Sunday (first Sunday after Pentecost) and the Feast of Christ the King (last Sunday in Ordinary Time). The liturgical color normally assigned to Ordinary Time is green.

The actual number of weeks of Ordinary Time in any given year can total 33 or 34.

(Information taken from Wikipedia)

Sandra M Reed



So, I say to myself, if Ordinary Time takes up so much of the calendar year, the term “Ordinary” must have some meaning that is not our normal interpretation of the word. Now, what could that be?

As I have contemplated this, I have come to believe that we call this Ordinary Time because during this time we are living under the conditions which God intended for us, conditions given to us by God. We are living in the grace of God becoming flesh in the form of a baby in a manger and we are living in the deep and abiding joyful salvation found in an empty tomb. Ordinary? Hardly. However, it is life as God intended. Therefore, in a sense, the time is ordinary, what we can trust and have come to expect from the love of God in our everyday lives.

At our Easter service this year, our Scripture told us the account of Jesus having gone ahead of his followers, after the Resurrection, to Galilee and He invites them and us to meet him there. This powerful message reminds us that Easter is not the end of anything, but the beginning, the beginning of our living out of what it means to follow a crucified and risen Lord. As I read the Scriptures, I am more and more convinced that Jesus was teaching us an important lesson when he said we should first love God and then love our neighbors as ourselves. This was no idle remark, but rather an invitation to grow in faith and grow closer in relationship to God by serving others. For me, the picture of our risen Lord going on to Galilee is an apt description of what is expected of us: look for Him and where you find Him you will find ways in which to serve Him.

I hope your Easter was blessed with joy and hope. Please look to your church to find ways in which to live out your Easter faith. As followers of Christ it is our vocation to see where He is at work and to join Him.

Happy Birthday, Barbara Adler!

It was a joyful celebration attended by several members of our church, as Sonogee Rehabilitation and Living Center observed Barbara Adler’s 100th birthday and welcomed her into that special club only for centagenarians. There was music by Jack Drake and cake and ice cream galore. A good time was had by all.

In observance of Barbara’s hitting the 100 mark, here is an article reprinted from the *Sonogee Grapevine*, June, 2008. Thanks to author, Anne Molavi.

It’s been interesting to hear parts of Barbara Adler’s life story as she has related her memories to the Newsletter group from time to time. So it was no surprise that she started off our interview together by telling me, with a good deal of pride, that her father had a hand in building the last three-masted schooner, the “JK Morgan,” out of Milbridge, ME in the early twentieth century. Barbara recalled that she was about nine years old then and had just received her new blue hat for Easter. She persuaded her mother to let her wear it – whereupon Barbara promptly used it to catch junk her brother tossed into it from the schooner under construction, and the brand new hat fell into the sea! At the sound of her screams, work had to stop to try to retrieve the hat. Her father was none too pleased, she remembered.

Father was James Strout, a house and ship builder. Nellie, her mother, was a homemaker who raised their two children, Barbara, born in April, 1911, and her brother, Kenneth, who was four years her

senior. Barbara graduated from Milbridge High School, and then went to Gorham (now University of Southern Maine), where she studied French and English. Afterwards she taught third, fourth, and fifth grades in Milbridge for five years. To help pay for her studies, Barbara waitressed in Bar Harbor at the DeGregoire and Belmont Hotels when she was about nineteen or twenty years old.

One day she needed to buy a dress, and chose one at Adler's Shop on Cottage Street in Bar Harbor; she paid for it over time. That, Barbara says, is how she met her husband, Harry Adler, who owned the shop, and later, the Town and Country Store on Main Street too. After courtship and an October wedding, the couple lived above Adler's Shop, where they eventually raised their three sons. They were married fifty years.

Barbara began working in her husband's shops when he was feeling under the weather – and she liked it so much that she continued working, even while raising the family. When time permitted she knit, crocheted, and embroidered. Reading has also been a lifelong favorite pastime, as the stacks of books in her room attest; there is no television.

Barbara came to Sonogee a couple of years ago from her place at Birch Bay Village in Hulls Cove; her left leg was giving her trouble, and she needed rehab. The leg is still a problem, she says, so she uses a wheelchair to get around. Barbara says everyone at Sonogee is very nice, and she enjoys the lovely views of the sea.

Happy, happy birthday, Barbara! May God bless and keep you.



Bar Harbor Eats

Our first community supper in March drew people to our church to enjoy a New England boiled dinner. This effort of people working together for the common good addresses a need and provides a way for us to grow stronger as we feed people. Are you willing to serve your neighbor in this way? We already possess the required funds and the talents of a chef and wish to extend an invitation to folks who would like to strengthen our collective spirit. Plans include a *Make Your Own Taco* meal in May. Contact any Outreach Board member: Debbie Hammond, Karen McFarland, Melissa Mills, Nancy Howland or Paula Moody

Faith Backed by Words

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has not works, is dead.

James 2:14-17 NRSV

Exciting News from the Music Committee

For the past many years, our worship services have been graced by the wonderful music emanating from our chancel organ. Each of our organists has used this powerful instrument to its maximum capacity and we, as worshipers, have been blessed by their work.

This organ, which has served us faithfully for so many years, was dedicated to the memory of Margaret Harriman Dyer, who served as our organist for nearly thirty years. Margaret was a true gift to our church and to our community and we are grateful for her inestimable contribution to our church. We are grateful that her descendants are still members of our church, for they inherited Margaret's love of music, love of church, and insistence on doing a job well.

This wonderful organ has served us well, but after many years, like any musical instrument, problems have developed. We have had a wonderful technician working on the organ for the past several years, but not everything has been able to be corrected. There were no plans to replace the organ, but we were clear that repairs and upkeep would begin to happen more and more frequently as time passed.

Several months ago, we were told of a parishioner who wanted to make a lasting contribution to the church in loving memory of her husband. After much thinking and soul-searching, she suggested that a new organ might be a fitting memorial. We were approached with the idea, along with the Trustees and our pastor, and all of us agreed that we would be honored to accept her gift. With Kimberly Haller's help we engaged in a period of investigation of just what organs were available and what their capabilities were. After deliberation, we all agreed on a digital organ that will more than meet the needs and expectations of our church.

We did a great deal of research and finally went to hear an organ that was similar to the particular one we were considering. We were very impressed with the instrument. Therefore, we are pleased to announce that sometime this late spring/early summer a new organ will be delivered to our church and installed by Allen Organ of Maine.

We are grateful to Binky MacQuinn for this wonderful gift to our church which is being given in loving memory of her husband, and our friend, Ronnie MacQuinn. Ronnie was such a faithful member of our church and a lover of music, which makes this gift even more appropriate.

With gratitude for the past and hope for the future, we will soon be enjoying this new addition to our church. There will be more details in next month's *Chimes*, so be sure to keep watching.

The Music Committee

Maine UCC Annual Meeting Materials Available Now!

The 80th Annual Meeting of the Maine Conference United Church of Christ will be held June 23-26th at the University of Maine @ Farmington Conference. For those who might be interested in attending there are preliminary Annual Meeting Information Packets available on the display table in the parlor. Please take one and if you think you might like to attend as a guest or if you are curious and have questions, please contact delegates Kathy Woodside and Kathy MacCulloch or Pastor Sandra.

NEWS FROM THE MAINE CONFERENCE

Message from the Conference Minister and Conference Moderator was sent out to all of the clergy and church moderators earlier this week. If you are interested in the future plans for the Maine Conference, you can read the message on the Conference website at

<http://www.maineucc.org/news/moderator%20and%20CM%20msg%20041811.html>

“Called to Tell the Story” is the theme for the **2011 Maine Conference Annual Meeting**, to be held at the University of Maine in Farmington, **June 23-26, 2011**. Join with church members from around the state and learn new ways to tell the “old, old stories of Jesus and his love”. Registration forms, workshop descriptions and much more can be found on the Conference website at

<http://www.maineucc.org/annualmeeting/2011/AM%20frontpage%202011.html>

Saturday evening, the Master Singers USA will perform a concert of varied music tunes and styles. Master Singers USA is a 90+ voice male chorus, from 23 states and 2 other countries, who have toured nationally and internationally, but this is their first time in Farmington. Most of them are past students of Bruce McGinnis, currently the Choir Director at Old South Church in Farmington, who has taught at several colleges and universities throughout his career. Tickets for the Master Singers USA concert can be obtained at aiwmtickets@yahoo.com and are expected to sell out well ahead of the evening of the performance.

PILGRIM LODGE FAITH FOUNDATIONS HALF-WEEK TO START LATE AFTERNOON

Because many schools will be in session later than usual due to excessive snow days, the Pilgrim Lodge event "Faith Foundations" (Jun 22-25, for rising 3rd-5th graders) will begin between 4 and 5 pm (instead of the usual 2 to 3 pm). The

Outdoor Ministries Committee hopes this small change will allow those whose final school day is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22 to attend this special event tailored for first time campers.)

IN THE RESOURCE CENTER!

***The Faith and Practice of the Earliest Christians* by Tony Jones**

Join Tony as he unveils this late first-century text: the Didache, or "Teaching of the Twelve." You will explore what one early Christian community lived and taught.

*What is The Way of Jesus?

*What does it mean to Be Church?

*When is it important for Christians to look back to the Roots of Faith?

This essential study in the life and practice of the Early Church will challenge any study group, home church, or high school, college, and adult discussion group.

Please remember that the cart for the online catalog is not working, to order any resources send emails to resourcecenter@maineucc.org or call [1-800-244-0937](tel:1-800-244-0937) or [207-846-5118](tel:207-846-5118).

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 Fellowship Hall! There is something for everyone so choose a camp and GO!! You will be glad you did!!

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



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS!!

God's Garden Club: The end of the Sunday School year will be here before we know it and we will be starting up "God's Garden Club" for the summer. If you have a special skill, craft, field trip idea, or project that you would like to do with the children one Sunday in June, July, or August, please contact Kathy MacCulloch (288-4272 or kathymacculloch@gmail.com or Kathy Woodside (288-5160 or kcwoodside@roadrunner.com). We would love to hear from you!

Thank you to Barb Steele!

Barb has been keeping our Christian Education Bulletin Board up to date and festive. There are birthdays, whose in the news, and church and community events posted...check it out next time you are downstairs! It's on the way to the church library!

Spring Fling Potluck:

The Christian Education Board will be hosting our church Annual Spring Fling Potluck on Sunday, May 15th directly after church. Bring a dish to share for this celebration of spring! There will be a sing-a-long so bring your voices and your enthusiasm!

Help Wanted!!

The Christian Education Board has purchased a wireless light fixture for the stairwell to the Fellowship Hall and Sunday School area. We need someone to install it. Please see Kathy Woodside if you are willing to take on this task.

Kathy Woodside

Waiting on God

On May 5, Americans observe the National Day of Prayer. Waiting on God is an important component of prayer. It's hard to understand why God delays when we cry out for help. Why does he allow us to suffer, when he could just say the word and make it all better? Why must we wait?

Consider a child whose parents always give her whatever she asks, as soon as she asks for it. That child has little opportunity to learn patience or gratitude. Because she doesn't know what it's like to not have, she cannot appreciate the true value of something.

God may have some of these things in mind when our prayers go unanswered for a time. As the psalmist exhorts, "Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!" (Psalm 27:14, NRSV).

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Puzzle BROOCH

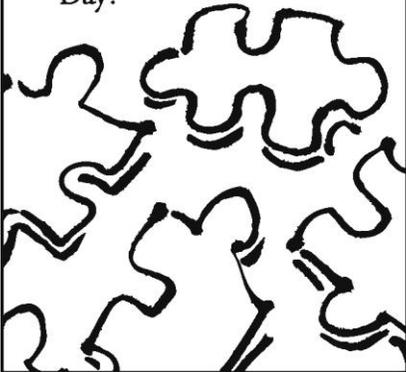
Make this keepsake to let your mom, grandma or aunt know that you wouldn't be complete without her!

What you need:

- Several old puzzle pieces
- Acrylic paints
- Paintbrush
- Craft glue
- Sequins or small buttons
- Metal jewelry safety pin (flat on the bottom)

What you do:

1. Paint the puzzle pieces and let them dry.
2. Come up with a design; for example, place two pieces on the bottom and one on top.
3. Glue the pieces in place so they form one brooch. Decorate by gluing on sequins or buttons.
4. When the brooch is completely dry, glue a jewelry safety pin on the bottom.
5. Give the gift on Mother's Day!



Our mother's instructions

God gives us parents to help us learn about following his ways. Cherishing our mothers means valuing their guidance.

Use the boxed word codes below to complete Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV.

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 walk speak fathers sleep keep always
 guide awake son forsake teaching
 around heart neck mothers fasten watch
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“My [] [] your []'s command
 and do not [] your [] [] .
 Bind them [] on your [];
 [] them [] your [] .
 When you [] , they will [] you;
 when you [] , they will [] over you;
 when you [] , they will [] to you.”

Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV

Answers: “My son, keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you.”
 Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV

Sunday Worship Contributors

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4 Aubrie Boyce
4 Myrtle MacLeod
4 George Mitchell
11 Elise Craighead
14 Alisha Rechholtz
14 Scott Riddell
15 Patty Benore
15 Tim Smith
15 Sheridan Steele
16 Jane Sanderson
17 Mary Reed
18 Richard Collier
18 Sandra Reed
19 Leslie Spurling
20 Paul Dickson
21 Faith Reece
21 Dean DiMauro
21 Lou Ingrisano
21 Ezekiel Valleau
24 Christopher Booher
25 Crystal Hobbs
28 Heidi Turner O'Connor



Head Deacon –

Assistant Deacon – Mary Dudzik

Liturgists-

1: Amy Riddell

8: Al Simons

15:

22:

29:

Flowers –

1: Dottie Robins and Florence Ames

8: Dorothy White

15: Marianne and Dean DiMauro

22: Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Haraden

29: Betty and Dean Bryer

Coffee Hosts -

1:

8:

15:

22: Jane and Gerard Haraden

29:

Home Bible Readings -

1 Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

8 Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

15 Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

22 Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

29 Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

May

1 Worship and Sunday School 10:00 am <i>Alleluia Choir 11:30</i> <i>Girl Scouts 2:00</i>	2 <i>Cancer Support Group</i> 5-6:30 PM	3 Guided Meditation 2:00 <i>Cub Scout Pack Meeting 5:00 PM</i>	4 Cub Scouts 3:30 pm Guided Meditation 7:00	5 <i>Bible Study 10:00 AM</i> Adult Choir 7:00 PM	6	7
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22 Family Worship 10:00 am – no Sunday School <i>Alleluia Choir 11:30</i>	23	24 Guided Meditation 2:00	25 Cub Scouts 3:30 pm Guided Meditation 6:00 Church Council 7:00	26 Adult Choir 7:00 PM	27	28
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Special Dates:

- Christian Family Week, May 2-8, 2011
- National Day of Prayer, May 5, 2011
- Mother's Day, May 8, 2011
- Armed Forces Day, May 21, 2011
- Victoria Day (Canada), May 23, 2011
- Memorial Day, May 30, 2011

Memorial Day

One Memorial Day, some children were asked what the holiday meant to them.

"That's the day the swimming pool opens!" answered one eager boy. What he didn't realize or appreciate was that he can freely go to the pool because more than one million people have put their lives on the line to preserve America's democracy. Many of them have died so citizens of other countries might also enjoy the privileges of political, social and economic freedom.

Memorial Day is our opportunity to pause and remember the sacrifices of many of America's best citizens. They made the supreme sacrifice on our behalf, so please remember to honor these heroes on May 30.

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A Mother's Prayer

Make me a wise mother, O Lord. Keep me calm and give me patience to bear the small, irritating things in the daily routine of life. Give me tolerance and understanding to bridge the gulf between my generation and that of my children.

Let me not be too ready to guide my children's stumbling feet, but allow me to be ever near to bind their bruises. Give me a sense of humor that I may laugh with them but never at them. Let me refrain from preaching with words; let me show by example instead.

Keep me from forcing their confidences, but give me a sympathetic ear when my children come to me. Make me humble. Keep my children close to me, O Lord, though miles may separate us. And let Thy light so shine upon me that they, too, will perceive Thy glory. Amen.