

THE CHIMES

THE NEWSLETTER OF
THE BAR HARBOR CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

29 Mount Desert Street, Bar Harbor, Maine 04609

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 3:00 PM, Friday 9:00 – 11:30 AM

Telephone: (207) 288-3280 E-mail: office@barharborucc.org

Web Site: www.barharborucc.org

June 2011

From the Pastor:

This coming summer is going to be a season of weddings. That happens sometimes. Of course weddings aren't nearly as important as the marriage will be, but there is something about weddings that gives people a lift, a reassurance that there is still love in the world, and commitment and deep and abiding friendship that outlasts all the obstacles.

In honor of my summer of weddings, I am going to borrow some words from Frederick Buechner, a modern day theologian and writer, and offer them to you for your perusal.

Here is Buechner on marriage:

They say they will love, comfort, honor each other to the end of their days. They say they will cherish each other and be faithful to each other always. They say they will do these things not just when they feel like it but even – for better or worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health – when they don't feel like it at all. In other words, the vows they make at a marriage could hardly be more extravagant. They give away their freedom. They take on themselves each other's burdens. They bind their lives together in ways that are even more painful to unbind emotionally, humanly, than they are to unbind legally. The question is: what do they get in return?

They get each other in return. Assuming they have any success at all in keeping their rash, quixotic promises, they never have to face the world quite alone again. There will always be the other to talk to, to listen to. If they're lucky, even

after the first passion passes, they still have a kindness and a patience to depend on, a chance to be patient and kind. There is still someone to get through the night with, to wake into the new day beside. If they have children, they can give them, as well as each other, roots and wings. If they don't have children, they each become the other's child.

They both still have their lives apart as well as a life together. They both still have their separate ways to find. But a marriage made in Heaven is one where a man and a woman become more richly themselves together than the chances are either of them could ever have managed to become alone. When Jesus changed the water into wine at the wedding in Cana, perhaps it was a way of saying more or less the same thing.

(From Whistling in the Dark, an ABC Theologized)

I don't know about you, but every time I go to or officiate at a wedding, I find myself re-dedicating myself to my marriage to Wally. I always tell the couples who seek me out that marriage is not a "once and done" thing, but a gift that must be worked at and appreciated every single day. I ask them to look at their beloved and decide if that is the face they want to see every morning for the rest of their lives. Once that decision is made, you can begin to build your marriage.

I look forward to the summer and fall, and the new lives beginning in which I will play

a small part. May God bless them all with rich and enduring love. And the same to you.

Sandra M. Reed

Outreach Harvest Festival Coffee Hours

It's that time of year to begin harvesting, cooking and sharing the delicious seasonal fruits and vegetables from our gardens, local farms and woods. This will be our 5th annual series of monthly harvest festivals, starting on Sunday, July 3rd, with strawberries. We appreciate all who have contributed a dessert or dish in the past, and invite the congregation to surprise us with more family favorite recipes again this summer and fall. We also have additional summer visitors to host at coffee hour, as well as our own church family.

The harvest festivals were originally sponsored by the Outreach Board to not only help fill the coffee hour calendar, but mainly to promote eating fresh healthy food and support local organic farmers at the farmer's markets and stands. Besides the reasons for protecting the environment and boosting the local economy, the harvest festivals also celebrate God's gifts of our bodies and food from the earth we often take for granted. Participation in these festivals is a joyous way that we can answer the call of stewardship to care for God's creation.

- July 3rd - Strawberries**
- August 14th - Blueberries**
- September 18th - Zucchini**
- October 16th - Apples**
- November 20th - Pumpkin**

If you have any questions about the festivals, please call Karen McFarland at 288-5760.

Thank you,
Your Outreach Board

Ladies Jordan Pond House Dinner

Calling all Ladies of the Church! We are once again going to Jordan Pond House for dinner on **Tuesday, June 7th at 5:30 pm**. They are doing a new family style dinner so we need to

all be seated by 5:30. Scallops, crab cakes, chicken and risotto, popovers, tea and ice cream will be served. The cost is \$25.00 per person, which includes everything, even tax and tip. Please sign up in the church parlor or call Michele Gurter at 288-8318 to register. We will also raffle off a quilt that Phyllis Kane made – the chances are \$1.00 and the money will go to the food pantry.



As the year comes to a close, here is the calendar for the summer:

- June 5th- Youth Sunday-** be prepared to see our Worship Center Curriculum in action!
- June 12th- Sunday School picnic-** on the Village Green as usual.
- June 19th starts God's Garden Club-** your chance to work with our kids for a one-week guest appearance. Let me know when we can squeeze you in!

God's Garden Club Summer 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Who</u>
June 19 th	Sandy Boyce
June 26 th	
July 3 rd	Kathy MacCulloch
July 10 th	
July 17 th	
July 24 th	
July 31 st	
August 7 th	
August 14 th	
August 21 st	
August 28 th	McMinimy Family
September 4 th	

Thanks Teachers for a great year!
Kathy MacCulloch

Help Wanted!!

The Christian Education Board is looking for a volunteer to place book pockets and book cards in each of the books in the church library. Anyone who is interested should contact Kathy Woodside.

PENTECOST MOBILE

Make this craft as a reminder that God's Holy Spirit is all around you.

What you need:

- Tissue paper (red, yellow, orange), torn into squares
- Plastic transparency
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush
- Construction paper
- Black marker
- Wire hanger
- White copy paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Fishing line



What you do:

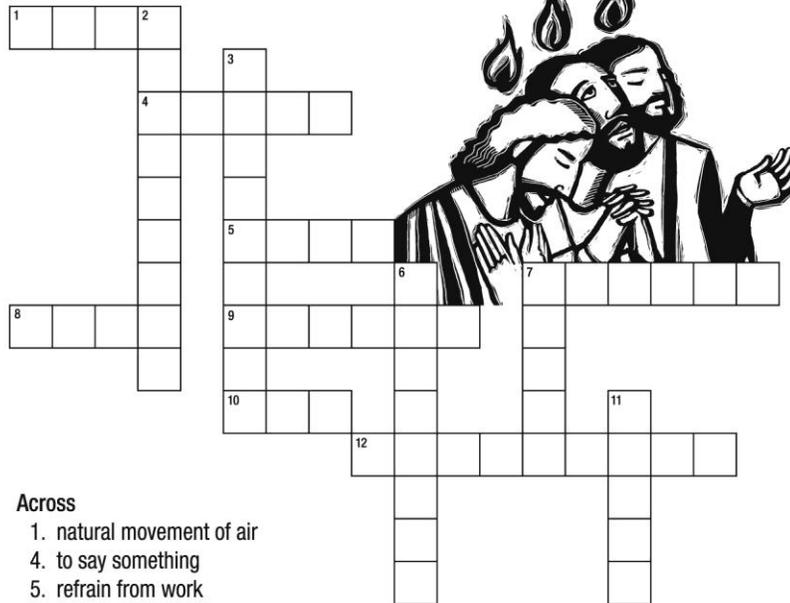
1. Overlap tissue squares as "flames" on the transparency.
2. "Paint" glue (thinned with water) over the squares.
3. Fold construction paper in half. Write out Acts 2:4 at the top, by the fold.
4. Poke the hanger through the middle of the fold.
5. On the white paper, write "Holy Spirit" in English, Spanish (*Espiritu Santo*), French (*L'esprit Saint*), etc.
6. Cut out a flame pattern and trace it on the back of the transparency.
7. Cut out flames and glue the "Holy Spirit" names on them.
8. Thread fishing line through a hole atop each flame and tie flames onto the hanger.



The Spirit Comes

ACTS 2 TELLS ABOUT A SPECIAL DAY WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO THE DISCIPLES.

Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.



Across

1. natural movement of air
4. to say something
5. refrain from work
7. place where God is
8. a combustion or burning that gives light, heat and smoke
9. part of mouth that can taste and lick
10. the time between sunrise and sunset
12. the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples

Down

2. followers of Christ
3. moved apart
6. quickly and unexpectedly
7. a building where people live
11. vibrations that travel through the air

Answers: Across 1. wind, 4. speak, 5. rest, 7. heaven, 8. fire, 9. tongue, 10. day, 12. Pentecost; Down 2. disciples, 3. separated, 6. suddenly, 7. house, 11. sound

JUNE 2011



- 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 Katie Fuller
- 15 Diane Bonsey
- 16 Raymond Turner
- 17 Lois Wade
- 17 Mary Paquet
- 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 – David Lind
Assistant Deacon –

Liturgists-

- 5: Youth Sunday
- 12:
- 19:
- 26:

Flowers –

- 5: Charlotte and Bill Skiff
- 12:
- 19: Jim, Cindy, Noah, and Matthew Lambert
- 26: Paul and Mimi Dickson

Coffee Hosts -

- 5:
- 12:
- 19: Nancy Howland and Barbara Hepburn
- 26: Judy and Bill Fuller

Bible Readings -

- 5 Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11
- 12 Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23
- 19 Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20
- 26 Genesis 22:1-4
Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

June

			1 Cub Scouts 3:30 pm	2	3	4
5 <u>Youth Sunday and Graduate Recognition</u> Worship and Sunday School 10:00 am	6 Cancer Support Group 5:00	7 <i>Acadia Shawl Ministry 7:00</i>	8 Cub Scouts 3:30 pm	9 Adult Choir 7:00 PM	10	11
12 Worship and Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday School Picnic <i>Sarah Fraley's students' recital</i>	13	14 Outreach 7:00	15 Cub Scouts 3:30 pm	16	17	18
19 Worship Service 10:00 am – <i>God's Garden Club begins</i> Deacons 11:30 AM <i>BH Town Band Concert rain location 6:30PM</i>	20 <i>BH Town Band Concert rain location 6:00PM</i>	21 C. E. Board 7:00 <i>Acadia Shawl Ministry 7:00 PM</i>	22 Cub Scouts 3:30 pm <i>BH Town Band – rain 6:00PM</i> Church Council 7:00	23 Trustees 5:30 <i>BH Town Band – rain 6:00PM</i>	24	25
26 Worship and Sunday School 10:00 am	27	28	29 Cub Scouts 3:30 pm	30 <i>BH Town Band – rain 6:00PM</i>		

**Bar Harbor Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
29 Mount Desert Street
Bar Harbor, Maine 04609**

**U. S. Postage Paid
Non-Profit Organization
Bar Harbor, ME 04609
Permit Number 32**

Special Dates:

- Ascension of the Lord, June 2, 2011
- Pentecost, June 12, 2011
- Flag Day, June 14, 2011
- Trinity Sunday, June 19, 2011
- Father's Day, June 19, 2011
- First Day of Summer, June 22, 2011

Assurance of the Ascension

After the Resurrection, the risen Lord instructed his followers not to leave Jerusalem. It was there, Jesus said, that they would receive “the promise of the Father” (Acts 1:4, NRSV). What was that promise? It was that they would be baptized not with water but with the Holy Spirit.

Shortly after that utterance, Jesus was “lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight” (v. 9).

The Ascension reminds us that even though Jesus isn't physically present on earth, as the living Christ, he is as near as we allow him to be.

Jesus' Ascension offers us the assurance that God is now available to all people all the time. He lives as a guiding, loving Spirit in our midst.

[Articles this page: Newsletter Newsletter](#)

Why Flag Day is Important

America was founded as a “nation under God,” and has been looked up to by other nations for over two hundred years. Unfortunately, other countries — and some of our own citizens — are disgruntled with America today. Even though our reputation has taken some hits, we're still a strong country with high ideals and proud people.

There's a simple way you can help show that to the world — by flying the flag. Every time you put a flag out, you're saying, “I'm an American and proud of what this flag represents.” The flag stands for “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,” for religious freedom, and for other rights that many nations lack. The flag represents our history and our goals for a better future for all.

Flag Day is celebrated on June 14.