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From the Pastor

Not long ago I was looking through some memorabilia my mother had saved. After her death this collection came into my possession and I have been going through it all for some time. I recently uncovered a number of bulletins from churches where I had preached while I was a student at Bangor Theological Seminary. I was touched that she had saved all of these and as I looked through them I was filled with memories about the churches where I preached my very earliest sermons. The churches must have been very tolerant!

One bulletin from August, 1981 particularly took my interest. That Sunday I had preached at St. John UCC in Dunkirk, NY while the pastor was on vacation. What was printed on the back of the bulletin was the thing that interested me most. It was written by the Rev. Dr. Harold Wilke, a UCC pastor who served as the Director of the Healing Community, a group concerned with making life better for persons with physical handicaps. It was Harold's rendition of the Ten Commandments for all Christians. I had the joy of knowing Mr. Wilke when I worked with the New York Conference's committee on making churches accessible to all. I loved the work and I truly cherished getting to know

Harold. Imagine my happiness when, years later, I got to invite him to dinner at my apartment when he came to lecture at Bangor Theological Seminary and to offer his advice about making the campus more accessible. Harold was remarkable in many ways, but the thing you noticed first about him was that he had been born without arms. Everything you and I do with our arms and hands, Harold did with his legs and feet. Not the least bit awkward about his physical condition, he often helped others, including me, to understand that physical handicaps were nothing to be afraid of and no reason to see a person as, somehow, less than a person without physical handicaps. He was a wonderful teacher, a gifted preacher, and a dear friend.

Here are Harold's Ten Commandments for All Christians:

1. I am the Lord, your God: I have brought you out of bandage. Liberation is a sign of the life I give you.
2. Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy; you shall be wholly before me – the entire congregation, excluding no one because of a disability or handicap. I am your Lord, to whom *all* shall have access: you may place no barriers before me.

3. I name you my children: therefore let no one else define my sons and daughters. Call no one "crippled" or "disabled." They are persons: persons *with* disabilities – individuals with handicaps.

4. Fear not one another: I know the confusion of your embarrassment – your fears – your anxieties. Your brother's handicap – your sister's disability confront you: you, too, are vulnerable. You are both in my care. You are one in my sight.

5. Know that I your God have placed good in all of you: you shall not look down upon or patronize the person with a handicap. Recognize that the vast areas of personhood shared in common are far greater than the few differences that disability creates between those you call handicapped and the rest of you.

6. Your cup runs over with the fullness of life I give you. In your human way you define that abundant life to include education, employment, transportation, a place to live, meaningful activity, cultural expression, and civic responsibility. From these opportunities you may not exclude those you call disabled. Your rights are their rights.

7. I, your Lord, place within you varied gifts, abilities, and strengths. Do not forget that these same abilities, insights, and knowledge are in those you call handicapped, crying out for expression.

8. Be grateful for the inspiring quality of life within persons with handicaps, which in turn engenders within all of you perseverance, humor, coping abilities, patience, and creative victory.

9. Recognize that in the community you all share there is also frustration, anger, anxiety, and despair, reminding you all of your common frailty and your common need for salvation; all are called to mission, to provide succor and justice for all.

10. Give ear to my eternal promise, set forth in Scriptures, that underneath are the everlasting arms: hold fast to my assurance to all humankind that goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your life, and you will dwell in my house forever.

Dr. Wilke died in 2003 at the age of eighty-eight. He left behind, in addition to his family, many friends who loved and admired him. I know I will never forget him and the influence he had on my life. His work outlives him and his spirit is still present everywhere -- persons with handicaps or disabilities live life more fully because of him.

Sandra M. Reed



Blankets + Sunday

Church World Services has expanded this mission to meet the tremendous needs as people recover from a disaster. People need more than blankets; they need shelter, food and safe water. As the recovery unfolds, they need tools, training and other resources to help them rebuild their lives.

More than 640 families were helped to recover from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita through a partnership between Church World Service and Habitat for Humanity.

A blanket still costs \$5; if you are able to give a little more, the other needs can also be met. **We will celebrate Blanket + Sunday on July 17th and thanks for being a part of this offering.**

Celebration of our 50-Year Members

On Sunday, July 17, we will be honoring our 50 year members and welcoming some new ones into the fold. The celebration will take place during the worship service, so please make sure to attend this landmark in the life of our church.

Update on the New Organ

By the time you receive this newsletter, the organ will have been disassembled and removed from the sanctuary by Bill Czelusniak, who has been taking care of the organ for the last several years.

Stay tuned for news of the new organ to come. This is an exciting time for our church.

The Music Committee

What Attracts People to Church?

Why do people select a particular church? A convenient location? Yes. A good speaker in the pulpit? Yes. Inspiring music? Yes. An attractive building? Yes.

But a more essential element in attracting visitors, newcomers and prospective members is friendliness — both in the pew and throughout the community. Where there is a warm, dynamic congregation with an enthusiasm that's contagious, visitors will usually be found, and will return.

A church can buy many advantages with money, such as nice buildings, trained leadership, effective advertising and an abundance of supplies for spiritual and social use. But old-fashioned friendliness, of which the world is sorely in need, can't be purchased with money. It comes only from the hearts of dedicated people who love God and enjoy helping others feel at home in their church.

Source: Newsletter Newsletter

A Prayer for July 4

Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly praise you for the nation in which you have allowed us to live. We cherish its wonder and its beauty. We are thankful for its fruitful lands, its bountiful waters, its great resources and its Unlimited opportunities.

We thank you for our founding fathers and mothers, and for their foresight, special wisdom, and steadfast courage in establishing freedom and a lasting document of fairness.

Stir up within each of us the will to be good stewards of all the blessings of the land we love. Amen.

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June 4, 2011 - Madeleine Bessire and William Feher, Big Sky, Montana; married at the Asticou Inn by Dr. Reed

June 11, 2011 - Carolyn Thompson and David Witwer, Lititz, Pennsylvania, married at the Bar Harbor Club by Dr. Reed

June 18, 2011 - Tricia Hammond and Jamie Thurlow, Tremont, married at the James Rich Boatyard by Dr. Reed



Condolences to Al Simons and his family on the death of his mother.



Sit in the generous sunshine of summer —
A bright blue sky overhead.
Join millions of leaves.
Join grasses and trees.
Soak up the warmth from heaven.

Pause in the generous sunshine of summer.
Look for a cool, clear brook.
Rest in the shade
That summer has made.
Rest and refresh the soul.

Bask in the generous sunshine of summer.
Indulge in its timelessness — the quiet
 unfolding of nature itself,
Abundantly giving,
Abundantly living.
Beauty transcends the earth, and leads
 to eternal worth!
—Peggy Ferrell

With Grateful Hearts

O God, we come before you to praise you for your overwhelming kindness toward us all. How loving and generous you are! How merciful and supportive day by day you are to us.

What a beautiful and bountiful earth-home you have provided for us. Sometimes the beauty and majesty of what we see before us is breathtaking.

Dear Lord, we need not understand the brilliance we

see in your creation; we only need to know that you are mindful of us, that you care for us, that your love for us is unfathomable and everlasting.

We gladly affirm that you are our loving Lord who has provided for all our needs. For all your gracious and loving acts — and especially for our hope of salvation through Christ our Lord — we express our profound and everlasting thankfulness. Amen.

What a Wonderful Promise!

The promise of Christ The 14th chapter of John's gospel contains this promise our Lord gave his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate (sometimes translated Comforter), to be with you forever" (John 14:15-16, NRSV).

Jesus added: "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live" (John 14:18-19).

What a wonderful promise! Jesus knew he would be dying. He knew the disciples would see his resurrected body. But even after Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples wouldn't be alone. The Holy Spirit would come to comfort and embolden them.

"[My] peace I leave with you," Jesus concluded. "Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid" (John 14:27).

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PATRIOTIC PARFAIT

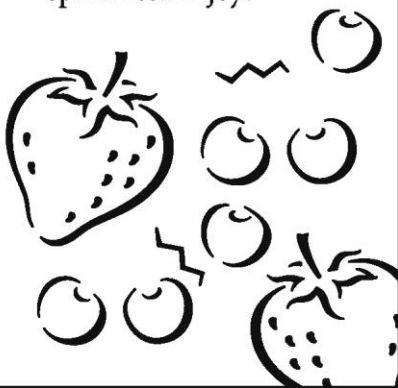
On the 4th of July, make this healthy, festive dessert to share with family and friends.

What you need:

- Clear glasses or plastic cups
- Spoons
- Vanilla yogurt
- Cut strawberries
- Fresh blueberries
- Coconut, whipped cream, red and blue sprinkles (optional)

What you do:

1. Place a couple of spoonfuls of vanilla yogurt at the bottom of each glass or cup.
2. Add cut strawberries to cover the yogurt layer.
3. Add more yogurt over the strawberries.
4. Add a layer of blueberries.
5. Repeat the layers until you reach the top of the glass or cup.
6. For extra fun, add coconut, whipped cream and sprinkles. Enjoy!



Freedom in Christ

This Independence Day, remember that our true freedom comes from faith in Jesus.

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Directions: In each set of letters, determine the pattern. Then write the letter that completes the pattern, to reveal Galatians 5:1, NIV.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

F	Q	L	V	C	R	O
G	R	K	U	D	Q	P
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P	B	Q	R	V	C	O	H	B
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Answers: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. (Galatians 5:1, NIV)

July



- 3 Mary Cunningham
- 8 Jennifer Moulton Stonehouse
- 8 Fred McPheters
- 9 Rick Starbird
- 9 John Kelly
- 9 Ezra O'Connor
- 10 Rachael McMinimy
- 11 Joan Clement
- 12 Henry W. Brown
- 13 Judy Roberts
- 14 Beverly Blaisdell
- 14 MaryAnne Starbird
- 14 Kay Young
- 14 Donald Dyer
- 15 Nicholas MacCulloch
- 15 Charlotte Skiff
- 15 Robert Collier
- 15 Rachel Krautwald
- 16 Maria Lopez Patterson
- 17 Connie Shea
- 23 Wallace Reed
- 25 Earl Brechlin
- 25 James Lambert
- 25 Jesse Olson
- 25 Marie Coffron
- 31 Marianne DiMauro



Sunday Worship Contributors

Head Deacon –
Assistant Deacon – May Vinnete

Liturgists-

- 3: Lenny DeMuro
- 10:
- 17: Debbie Dyer
- 24: Mimi Dickson
- 31:

Flowers –

- 3: Yvonne Tabb and May Vinette
- 10: Crystal Dow
- 17: Fred Mc Pheters
- 24: Richard and Arlanne Snodgrass
- 31: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown


Coffee Hosts -

- 3: Strawberry Festival
- 10:
- 17:
- 24: Jan Varnum
- 31: Ann and Doug Lee

Home Bible Readings

- 3 Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Psalm 45:10-17
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
- 10 Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
- 17 Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12,23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
- 24 Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33
- 31 Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

July

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Worship and God's Garden Club 10:00 am <i>Strawberry Festival</i>	 INDEPENDENCE <i>Day</i>				BHMF Concert 8:15 <hr/> BHMF Concert 8:15	Mittelberger service <hr/> 10:30 AM 9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Worship and God's Garden Club 10:00 am <i>Seacoast Mission Sunday</i>		BHMF New Composer's Forum 11-7:00 <i>Acadia Shawl Ministry 7:00</i>	<i>Finance Committee 3:30 pm</i> BHMF New Composer's Concert 8:15			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Worship and God's Garden Club 10:00 am <i>50 Year Member Sunday</i>					BHMF Concert 8:15	
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Rough Road Ahead

It had been an especially long trip home, and the weary traveler still had many more miles to go. So he winced at a sign warning "Rough Road Ahead — 4 miles."

Rough, indeed. The lanes narrowed, and the shoulder disappeared. Traffic slowed to a crawl as drivers navigated around potholes and moving construction equipment. But sure enough, after exactly four miles, the road became smooth again.

"In this world you will have trouble," Jesus said. "But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33, NIV). Notice that Jesus didn't say we "might" have trouble. Sooner or later, problems will come. The road will get rough. But Jesus has already defeated everything the world can throw our way. We just have to keep moving, fueled on by hope.

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Removing Barriers to Achievement

On the road in front of his palace a king had his guards place a large rock. Standing hidden, the king watched to see how passersby handled the obstruction. Most travelers simply walked around it. A few tried to roll the rock, but found it too difficult to dislodge. They gave up and went on.

Eventually, a peasant pushing a cart full of vegetables stopped. He put his full strength behind the stone and pushed. It didn't budge. Undeterred, he pushed again and felt some movement. He pushed again and again until he finally managed to move the rock out of the path. When he started on his way again, he glanced down and saw a leather bag where the rock had been. He picked up the bag, opened it, and discovered it was filled with gold coins. There was also a note from the king. It said that anyone who found the bag could have the money.

The winners in life are those who work faithfully until the barriers to fulfillment are removed. "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10, NRSV)