



THE CHIMES

THE NEWSLETTER OF
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From the Pastor

“Surprise!” Has this word ever greeted you as friends and family pop up from behind furniture and peek out from behind doors to let you know that they love you enough to surprise you with a birthday party? It is a moment that most of us wish to avoid (we never know how to respond) but one which most of us would appreciate for its sincerity and concern that we have a good birthday, anniversary or promotion at work. The one time this happened to me, I responded by promptly dropping the groceries I was carrying and my guests and I spent the next several minutes wiping up spilled milk and splattered eggs. I was never very good with surprises. My carpet was never the same again.

Many surprises are good: a marriage proposal when we least expect it; finding out the gender of our baby when he or she is born (unless we have “cheated” with an ultrasound); an income tax return we didn’t expect; or a visit from a cherished friend or relative that we didn’t anticipate. We usually recover quickly enough to enjoy the moment and we are grateful for the event.

However, a great many of the surprises we receive in life are not good news. We have no choice but to deal with them, but these events take our breath away and often leave us wondering how we will cope. I don’t know anyone who has escaped this kind of surprise. One thing I have learned from the unwelcome surprises in my life is that the loving,

comforting presence of God is very much present, regardless of my inability to respond to an unexpected event. It takes a while for us to get our bearings when something jolts our personal universe. In shock from happenings beyond our ability to understand, it takes us time to get our feet under us and regain our equilibrium. Fortunately, it takes God no time at all to be present to us, offering consolation, hope and healing when we are ready to recognize His actions in our lives.

We are just about ready to celebrate the biggest surprise the world has ever seen: the Resurrection of our Lord. While His death brought pain and suffering to His friends and followers, His Resurrection brought salvation and hope to the whole world. Where death and mourning usually had the last word, Jesus’ Resurrection shows us that what we see is not necessarily what we get. On Easter morning we are surprised by joy – joy that reaches us across time and enters once again into our lives. It is a joy that delves into our surprises and triumphs over our expectations. Jesus’ Resurrection reminds us of the love that will not relinquish its hold on us, embracing us through all circumstances of our lives.

This Easter season, my prayer is that we will somehow grasp anew the surprise and joy of the Resurrection. While we sing our alleluias and offer our prayers of thanksgiving, may the true gifts of the season be ours – not so we might hoard them, but so that we will be inspired to share the story and the reality of God’s love in our lives. With you, I will

welcome Easter and with you I will once again embrace God's promise of life eternal, fashioned for us in the mind of God and in the reality of Jesus Christ.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Sandra M. Reed

Spring Fling Potluck

The Christian Education Board will be hosting our church Annual Spring Fling Potluck on Sunday, April 29th, directly after church. Bring a dish to share for this celebration of spring! Bring your spring spirit and enthusiasm for this great time of sharing and fellowship.

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!! And if 1/3 is not enough to help you get to P.L. talk to Pastor Sandra...she can help!

Kathy Woodside



Holy Week and Easter Services

Holy Week

**Thursday, April 5, 2012 - Maundy
Thursday/Tenebrae Service - 7:00 PM**

**Friday, April 6, 2012 - Good Friday Service -
12:00 Noon**

Easter Sunday

**Sunrise Service,
Schoodic Overlook - 6:00 AM**

Easter Breakfast - 6:30 AM

Easter Worship Service - 10:00 AM



**Our heartfelt sympathy to the
family and friends on the loss
of:**

Myrtle MacLeod



If, like many of us, you have slipped a bit on your Lenten resolutions, or perhaps have not had time for them, there is still time since Lent is not yet over. Please consider the following:

Refocus for Lent

- Give up complaining - focus on gratitude
- Give up harsh judgments - think kind thoughts
- Give up worry - trust God to provide
- Give up discouragement - be full of hope
- Give up bitterness - turn to forgiveness
- Give up hatred - return good for evil
- Give up anger - be more patient
- Give up pettiness - become mature
- Give up jealousy - pray for trust
- Give up gossiping - control your tongue
- Give up sin - turn to virtue
- Give up giving up - persevere

Author Unknown

Spring is here and we are seeing a great “bloom” of learning happening in Christian Education! The Pre Kindergarten/Kindergarten class is now being taught by a few of our high school students in an effort to help foster new teachers! Kathy MacCulloch has begun her Bible class with our 3rd and 4th graders where they explore the Bible in a whole new way. The Junior High group has a new teacher as well, Chris Beals, who is new to teaching Sunday School but certainly not teaching. Chris has already engaged this group in some deep discussions and also their fair share of messes! What does an egg on a box have to do with a person’s Temple? Ask a Junior Higher! I encourage our Congregation to visit us downstairs sometime and see all the fun we are having and experience the learning that is taking place in our ever-changing youth! I am amazed every Sunday at the capacities of their young minds to comprehend these lessons and deep truths God has provided us with. They are truly a wonder!

On another note, as the school year comes to a close, I am seeking teachers for next school year. It’s never too early to have questions answered! Please let me know if you would like to talk about helping out. I hope to have many repeats as well as lots of new faces for our kids! They love to learn from the adults especially the new ones! It is the most rewarding experience and what better way to see the foundation of our church strengthen!

I hope you all are enjoying this warmer weather we are having and continue to have a great Spring.

Warmly, Amanda Ward, CE Coordinator

NEWS FROM THE MAINE CONFERENCE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Maine Conference is seeking an Associate Director for Outdoor Ministries. This will be a full time position with benefits. Application deadline is April 11th. For all details, please go to: <http://maineucc.org/associate/>

The Academy for Congregational Life and Leadership has begun accepting applications for a new class, which will begin in Sept. 2012. This 2-year program with an optional third year of concentrated study is a program of spiritual and leadership formation and growth for members and friends of the churches of the Maine Conference.

If you are on Facebook, you can be a friend of the Academy and see some of the sharing that happens among students and alums there. There is some information on the Maine Conference website as well. Or, you can email Peggy Dunn at meuccacademy@gmail.com or call 207-841-3027 for more information or to request application materials.

In the Resource Center - Shame-Less Lives, Grace-Full Congregations by Karen A. McClintock
McClintock takes readers on a journey in which we learn to recognize the many forms shame takes and explore and heal the shame of our own upbringing, particularly the shame-laden messages within our own religious teachings and practices. She illustrates the ways shame-laden leaders interact with congregations and ways congregational shame influences clergy and laity within the system. She shows us how to recognize shame in the behavior of other leaders and clergy around us, to reduce shame-reinforcing theology, and to provide alternative messages of hope and healing. She also guides us in liberating others from their shame, be they friends, colleagues, or people in a congregation where we worship and serve. 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 or 207-846-5118.

Save the date!

Spring into Christian Education a day for educators, pastors, church school teachers or anyone interested in the educational ministries of your church will be held Saturday April 14, 2012 at High Street Congregational UCC. Topics to be presented include Children in Worship

and How to Keep Volunteers . Go to the following link for information:

<http://www.maineucc.org/news/Spring%20into%20CE%202012.htm>

Spiritual Renewal through Woodworking at The Carpenter's Boat Shop

Registration is now open for one-week classes at The Carpenter's Boat Shop this summer in Boat Building, Furniture Making and General Woodworking. Come learn and be renewed in the midst of a spiritual atmosphere in beautiful Pemaquid, Maine. All skill levels are welcome!

For a complete schedule of classes and registration information, please visit www.carpentersboatshop.org/summer.html.

Transform your Life Transform the World

Lose yourself in service. Gain your life in servant leadership.

YOU could become part of the next group of the UCC Young Adult Service Communities (YASC). Young Adult Service Communities Ages 21-30 September 2012 through early August 2013

Community Living

Direct Service/Justice Advocacy Work

Leadership Development with a Host Congregation

Faith Conversations

Serve with food security issues in Carlsbad, CA
advocacy related to homeless populations in Seattle, WA
the Michigan UCC conferences youth and young adult ministries in Saginaw, MI
Communities in Schools in China Grove, NC
refugee resettlement in Phoenix, AZ
homeless women and children in Chapel Hill, NC
and many more organizations and leadership development opportunities with these host churches. Click here for lots more information

This is an experience you won't want to miss. This is a growing leadership development setting in the United Church of Christ. Be part of its expansion! Begin your application here.

Hurry. Second round of placements begin March 15. Additional placements will be made on a rolling basis until all positions are filled. Questions? Please contact Mary Schaller Blaufuss, Executive for Volunteer Ministries blaufusm@ucc.org or Tonya Pettigrew, Administrative Assistant adamst@ucc.org or 216-736-3216.

Kathy Woodside

Resurrection COUNTDOWN

Make this interactive craft to use as Easter approaches.

What you need:

- An empty egg carton
- Scissors
- Tissue paper (a dark color)
- Pencil
- Bible
- 12 slips of white paper
- Glue
- Marker



What you do:

1. Cut the lid and side flaps off the egg carton.
2. Lay the carton open-side down on tissue paper. Trace and cut out the rectangular shape.
3. On the paper slips, write 12 verses from John 12 about Holy Week (including one about Easter).
4. Place each slip in an egg cup, in order, starting at the top left and ending (with the Easter verse) at the bottom right.
5. Put glue around cups and carton edges. Lay the tissue paper on top.
6. Gently mark numbers 1-6 on the tissue paper along the top row and 7-12 along the bottom.
7. Before Easter, punch through one cup each day and read the verse.



The purpose of the gospel

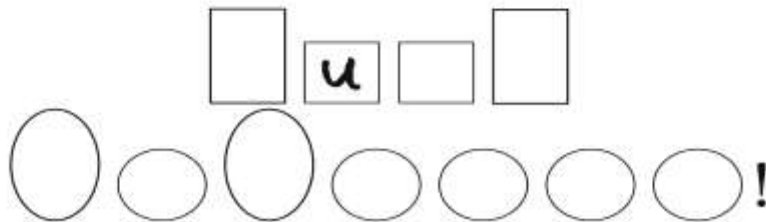
The gospel of John records many signs and miracles that Jesus performed in front of his disciples. Discover why these were written.



Directions: Use a Bible to fill in the missing letters of John 20:31. Then write the shape-enclosed letters in the corresponding boxes and circles below, in order of appearance, to discover John's message.

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 ha e lif i hi na e."

JOHN 20:31, NIV



Answers: "... believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."
 Just Believe!

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- 1 Samuel Brady Renault
- 2 Marsha Fuller
- 6 Hannah Paradis
- 6 Eric McQuinn
- 8 Jane Boynton
- 12 Jay Boyce
- 14 Kathy Woodside
- 16 Jane Haraden
- 22 Esther Testa
- 23 Donald Hobbs
- 23 Lisa Krautwald
- 23 Kim Craighead
- 25 Jan Varnum
- 26 Caitie Smith
- 27 Katelyn Burns



Sunday Worship Contributors

Head Deacon – Scott Hammond
Assistant Deacon – Betsy Higgins

Liturgists-

- 1: Rodney Fox
- 8: Debbie Dyer
- 15:
- 22:
- 29:

Flowers –

- 1: Beverly McNeal
- 8: Easter Flowers
- 15: Jean Kief
- 22: Cecil and Lucy Sprague
- 29: Mike Mahon

Coffee Hosts -

- 1: Barb & Sheridan Steele
- 8: Deacons
- 15: Cas Dowden
- 22: Nancy Fox
- 29:

Lectionary -

- 1 Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Mark 14:1-15:47
John 12:12-16
- 8 Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 118:1-2,14-24
Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18
- 15 Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31
- 22 Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
Luke 24:36b-48
1 John 3:1-7
- 29 Acts 4:5 -12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Palm Sunday Service 10:00 am	2 Cancer Support Group 5:00 pm	3 Cub Scouts 4:30 pm	4	5 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm	6 Good Friday Service 12 noon	7
8 Sunrise Service 6:00 am Easter Breakfast 6:30 am Easter Service 10:00 am	9	10 Scouts Pack 6:00 pm Outreach Board 7:00	11	12 Bible Study 10:00 Adult Choir 7:00	13	14
15 Worship and Sunday School 10:00 am Alleluia Choir 11:30	16	17 Community Supper 5:00 pm	18 Chimes Articles Due Deacons 7:00	19 Bible Study 10:00 Trustees 5:30 Adult Choir 7:00	20	21
22 Worship and Sunday School 10:00 am Alleluia Choir 11:30 Girl Scouts 2:00	23	24 Cub Scouts 4:30 pm	25 Church Council 7:00	26 Bible Study 10:00 Adult Choir 7:00	27	28
29 Worship Service 10:00 am Family Sunday Spring Fling	30					

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Special Dates:

- Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012
- Holy Week, April 1-7, 2012
- Maundy/Holy Thursday, April 5, 2012
- Good Friday, April 6, 2012
- Holy Saturday, April 7, 2012
- Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012
- Admin. Professionals Day, April 25, 2012

The JOY of the Resurrection

We Christians simply cannot get over the reality of the Resurrection. For us, the fact that God raised Christ from the dead proves that Christ's way alone is God's answer to the sins and horrors of the world. The truths Christ brought when he walked on Earth stand solid and irrefutable. The light he brought is the only light that never goes out for it is the eternal light of God's glory.

Christ's life is truly the clearest example of how God intends for us to live. Christ's way is the way that makes the most sense for living on

this earth. The true saints have proven that over and over.

The hope which Christ offers us is the only true and lasting hope. Ultimately, it is our only real assurance that life can be good and joyous for everyone. Read the words St. Paul wrote to the church at Rome and apply it to your own life: "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:4-5, nrsv).

If that is not a tremendous cause for abiding joy, then what is?