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From the Pastor

“The difference from a person and an angel is easy. Most of an angel is in the inside and most of a person is on the outside.” These are the words of six-year-old Anna, sometimes called Mouse, Hum, or Joy. At five years, Anna knew absolutely the purpose of being, knew the meaning of love, and was a personal friend and helper of Mister God. At six, Anna was a theologian, mathematician, philosopher, poet, and gardener. If you asked her a question you would always get an answer – in due course. On some occasions the answer would be delayed for weeks or months; but eventually, in her own good time, the answer would come: direct, simple, and much to the point.

She never made eight years; she died by an accident. She died with a grin on her beautiful face. She died saying, “I bet Mister God lets me get into heaven for this.” And I bet he did too.

In case you don't recognize the quote above, it is the opening lines of a marvelous book entitled, “Mister God, This Is Anna,” written by Fynn. Just Fynn. That's it. The book was published in 1974 and I read it soon after. If you haven't read it, I suggest you do so as soon as possible. It is a remarkable and poignant book, one not easily forgotten. Perhaps that is why I write about it today, after thirty-eight years. I have never been able to forget it. (By the way, “Fynn” is Sydney Hopkins.)

Anna's short, but compelling, life teaches the reader much about what it means to have faith. Hers is not a “churched” life, but one in which she celebrates every day her remarkable relationship with “Mister God.” The reader comes to suspect, and then know, that this relationship is the sustenance of Anna's life and the reason why she goes through her short life with answers to questions that we often wrestle with. She was, at once, simple and profound in her approach to life and quite candid in expressing her beliefs. As difficult as it would be to do so, hers is definitely a life to emulate.

I have come to realize how important it is in life to be able to stay in touch with our faith. Throughout the years we are given, there are many opportunities to lean on our faith when the going gets rough and to celebrate our faith when our blessings come in abundance. Whatever the case, it really helps to be in touch with God and to relate to God the way Anna did, directly, affectionately, and intimately. If we wait for a crisis, it will be as if we have to introduce ourselves to God and then let God reveal Himself to us under trying circumstances. How wonderful it is to be in relationship with God so that each day begins with a “Good morning,” and ends with an evening prayer and a turning over of our lives to God's hands while we sleep. We don't have to start all over again every day – like Anna, we are friends with “Mister God,” or whatever name you give the Almighty.

I highly recommend this book to you. You will thank me for it. In the meantime, may I invite all of us into a more close, more intimate relationship with God. May each of our days reflect the presence of God and the power of what it means to be in relationship with God and each other. I hope we all take Anna's good advice.

Sandra M. Reed



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 each year on June 14. Fly your flag high!

Source: Newsletter Newsletter



How to Pray

Pray where you are. God is present everywhere and ready to listen.

Pray, when possible, in a quiet place where you can be alone. It is good to fix your mind deliberately on God, apart from confusing distractions.

Pray to God simply and naturally, as to a friend. Tell him what is on your mind. Get help from the prayers of others.

Pray, remembering the good things God has done for you. Give thanks for all your blessings.

Pray for God's forgiveness for the unworthy things you may have done. He is near to a humble and contrite heart.

Pray especially for those things that will make your life more Christlike.

Pray for others, remembering the help they need for the situations they confront.

Pray for the world in its need, and for God to guide you toward ways you can help.

Pray that God's will be done in you. His purposes are deeper and wiser than our own.

Pray, and then allow God to answer your prayer.

Source: Newsletter Newsletter



As the school year comes to a close, I cannot help but look back at all we have done in Christian Education. Our students have not just come to Sunday School and sat around. I walked around this weekend and saw the kids interacting with one another, excited about God. They were discussing the meaning of the cross and what it symbolizes in our lives.

Students were planning our Youth Sunday and envisioning the morning they would be able to participate in the church service. These sights and many others throughout the school year helped remind me of why I love this job and our church.

With this, I invite you, the congregation, to volunteer some of your time for next school year. Our children deserve to have a wide variety of adults educating them and providing them with unique experiences during their time in Sunday School. If you feel the call to help out, please let me know. I am looking for all kinds of involvement, not just teachers.

Thank you for your continued commitment and support of Christian Education.

Amanda Ward
CE Coordinator

Year End Sunday School Events

Sunday- June 3rd
Youth Sunday
Bible Presentations
Teacher Recognition

Sunday June 10th
Sunday School Picnic

Congratulations to:

Hannah Paradis who was named "Young Woman of the Year" for her work to improve interracial relations on MDI by the Mount Desert Island YWCA.

NEWS FROM THE MAINE CONFERENCE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Maine Conference United Church of Christ 2012 Annual Meeting of the Maine Conference is June 21 – 24, and it is coming quickly. Our scripture lesson this year is ***"Remove the sandals from your feet for the place on which you stand is holy ground."*** Our Keynote speaker and Retreat leader will be Matthew Fox, well known author and theologian. Please don't pass up the opportunity to join with friends, old and newly met, for a wonderful weekend of fun, friends, learning and living, and, oh yes, some business too. Registration for Annual Meeting this year is on-line and the Annual Meeting information can be found at: <http://www.maineucc.org/annualmeeting/2012/AM%20frontpage%202012.htm>

If you prefer not to register on-line, there is a registration form that can be printed from the website, and mailed to the Conference office with a check. Some generous Franklin Association members are willing to open their homes to Annual Meeting attendees – so if you prefer to stay in a private home rather than the dormitory or a hotel, please use the Private Housing Form found on the website. If you have an interest in attending, please see Kathy Woodside or Pastor Sandra Reed.

MORE NEWS 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 regarding this position and the application process 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](tel:207-841-3027) for more information or to request application materials.

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.

[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 conference’s 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. ...

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!

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](tel:216-736-3216).

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!

"Sweet" CARD

Make this Father's Day card using some of your dad's favorite candy.



What you need:

- Wrapped candy or candy bars
- Poster board or large piece of cardboard
- Markers
- Clear tape

What you do:

1. With an adult, purchase a variety of candy.
2. Using poster board and markers, create a poem or letter for your dad. Include the candy name(s) in your message. For a Snickers bar, you can write, "I love to snicker at your jokes!" For an Almond Joy, you can write, "Wishing you lots of joy this Father's Day!"
3. Tape the candy to your giant card and present it to your dad on Father's Day.



★ A FATHER'S ★ INSTRUCTION

★ Although babies don't come with instructions, ★
God tells parents how to raise their children.

Directions: Fill in the blanks with letters, using the number grid to find the correct coordinates. The first number goes across, and the second one goes down.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	a	L	d	i	j	g	r
2	m	b	o	k	h	u	s
3	e	n	c	x	t	p	f

"...
 2,2 7,1 4,1 2,3 6,1 5,3 5,2 1,3 1,2
 6,2 6,3 4,1 2,3 5,3 5,2 1,3
 5,3 7,1 1,1 4,1 2,3 4,1 2,3 6,1 1,1 2,3 3,1
 4,1 2,3 7,2 5,3 7,1 6,2 3,3 5,3 4,1 3,2 2,3
 3,2 7,3 5,3 5,2 1,3 2,1 3,2 7,1 3,1"

EPHESIANS 6:4, NIV

Answers: "... bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

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- 1 Ruth Rossi
- 2 Paul Paradis
- 3 Addyson Makenna Boyce
- 5 Tricia Hammond Thurlow
- 7 Hilda Roderick
- 8 Michael Gurtler
- 8 Mary Brown
- 9 Cynthia Lambert
- 10 Shari Roopenian
- 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 – Betsy Higgins
Assistant Deacon – Lindsay Shopland

Liturgists-

- 3:
- 10: Debbie Dyer
- 17: Scott Hammond
- 24:

Flowers –

- 3: Ruth Rossi
- 10: Jane & Gerard Haraden
- 17: Dean & Betty Bryer
- 24:

Coffee Hosts -

- 3:
- 10:
- 17:
- 24:

Home Bible Readings

- 3 Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17
- 10 Genesis 3:8-15
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35
- 17 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Psalm 20
2 Corinthians 5:6-17
Mark 4:26-34
- 24 Psalm 9:9-20
Job 38:1-11
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Youth Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am	4 Cancer Support 5:00	5 Cub Scouts 4:30	6	7 Adult Choir 7:00	8	9
10 Worship Service and Sunday School Picnic 10:00 am	11	12 Scouts Pack 6:00 pm Outreach Board 7:00	13	14	15	16
17 Worship Service 10:00 am	18	19	20 Chimes articles due Deacons 7:00	21 Trustees 5:00	22	23
24 Worship Service 10:00 am Family Sunday	25	26	27	28	29	30

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Special Dates:

- Trinity Sunday, June 3, 2012
- Flag Day, June 14, 2012
- Father's Day, June 17, 2012
- First Day of Summer, June 20, 2012

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.

Thoughts for Father's Day

An unknown father who began to consider the example he should set for his children penned the following poem:

A careful man I ought to be;
A little fellow follows me;
I do not dare to go astray
For fear he'll go the self-same way.

I cannot once escape his eyes;
Whate'er he sees me do, he tries —
Like me, he says, he's going to be,
The little chap who follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine,
Believes in every word of mine:
The base in me he must not see,
The little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go,
Through summer's sun and winter's
snow,
I'm building for the years to be,
For a little fellow follows me.