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Who Is That Singing?

Excerpt from [Acts 8:26-40](#)

"Philip ran up to the chariot and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?'"

Reflection by Martin B. Copenhaver

One day, when our children were still very young, a Beatles song came on the radio. I grew up listening to the Beatles so, of course, I began to sing along. Then our daughter, Alanna, asked, "Who is that singing?"

For a moment, I was taken aback by her question. How could she not know who is singing? Isn't that something that is passed on in the genes?

And then I remember thinking, if she doesn't know about the Beatles, what other things have I mistakenly assumed I would not need to tell her? Obviously, we cannot assume that our children have somehow brought with them, or will pick up somewhere, the most important things we have to share, including the Christian story of God's fierce and indefatigable love for the world.

One does not learn the story by osmosis. It has to be told. After all, the Christian faith is always just one generation away from extinction.

In Acts, we read about an Ethiopian official who, after a visit to Jerusalem, was reading the prophecies of Isaiah while he was riding in a chariot (you have to really want to read something to read it in a moving chariot). Philip was inspired to approach the chariot and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And here is the Ethiopian's poignant reply: "How can I, unless someone guides me?"

Exactly. No one is born knowing the story of our faith. It has to be passed on, one generation at a time.

So teach your children, or your grandchildren, or the children of your church the story that has been shared with us. And, somewhere along the line, teach them about The Beatles also.

Prayer

God, you are here, there and everywhere. Equip us and inspire us to tell the story that has been shared with us. Amen.

Martin Copenhaver, Senior Pastor,
Wellesley Congregational Church, Wellesley
Mass. Source: United Church of Christ

WE NEED EVERYONE'S OPINION

From the Pastoral Search and Transition Team...

We want to thank all of you who have contributed to the Sunday services during the transition. Our staff (Kimberly, Paul, Amanda and Stan) has been willing to go the extra mile, guest speakers have given us lots to think about and everyone who attends strengthens us with their presence.

These are busy days for the PSTT, which is focusing now on getting the right interim to lead us through the search period. At the same time, we are beginning to work on the CURCH PROFILE, which asks for information about our church including information about the community of Bar Harbor, our congregational life, our boards and committees, our relationships with ministerial leaders, our expectations in a new minister and our hopes and dreams for the future of our church. It is a challenging task, and we will be depending on you for two kinds of help.

1. We will be asking folks to work with our team to gather this information and to craft questions that will get the information we need to discover who we are and that we hope will happen in the future.

2. We need YOU to share your opinions. As we go through Lent, we will be having Soup Dinners every Wednesday Night. After dinner, we will have discussions that will cover our current concerns and our hopes and dreams for the future. We will print these questions, hand them out in church, and put them in the bulletin and on our website so everyone can have an opportunity to respond and be heard.

Join us on Wednesday nights, or jot your opinions down and send them to us, so together we can make choices that will grow the body of Christ.

Cindy Fox, for the PSTT

OOPS! Last month I forgot to mention one of the special gifts given to Sandra on her New Year's Eve Farewell Party. Don Dryer wrote a lovely poem, which was framed, read by Mike Bonsey and presented to her. Thanks, Don, for the gift of poetry!

Please Help Us to Notify You of Church Cancellations

After the recent year-end snowstorm when church was cancelled, it came to our attention that we needed a better way to communicate with the entire membership. Though the office has gathered many email addresses of congregants, the Deacons have taken on the task of collecting as many more as possible so we can notify everyone quickly and efficiently at the next emergency. The list will also be useful to send out more timely information to church members for prayer, funerals, or any other general communication.

Many people now receive the Weekly Messenger and The Chimes by email, and if we could eventually send out the newsletter this way to more people, we can save the church money on postage.

Rod Fox has agreed to help the Deacons in this project, so if you have email and are willing to share it (we won't pass the list to any other organization) please respond to scott_hammond@hotmail.com, or Rod Fox at rodfox@roadrunner.com. We will also be available to collect the information after church. If you aren't currently getting email and we don't hear from you, we will be contacting you directly. Thanks for your cooperation.

Scott Hammond, for the Board of Deacons



We want to thank all our church family and friends that remembered us during the time of Jack's death.

Your thoughts and prayers are a comfort.
Nancy Pelletier and Family

Chapel Chimers

The Chapel Chimers continue to participate in our church's worship service each Family Sunday (the first Sunday of the month). Children as young as three years old can join our very "low-stress" choir.

We typically rehearse the last Sunday of the month and meet in the pre-K/K classroom immediately after Sunday School for no more than 10-15 minutes. Lyrics and Internet links to the tune are provided to parents and grandparents in plenty of time for practicing at home. We then gather in the parlor at 9:40 AM to run through the piece with the chimes on the first Sunday of the month. Please contact Kathe Simons (244-3207) with any questions.

Please consider encouraging the little one in your life to become a worship leader!

Kathe Simons

Linda Robinson will be conducting a presentation at the church on March 24th at 11:30am. Her presentation will focus upon her experience volunteering with Doctors Without Borders in the Congo for a year, the experience which inspired her recently published book, *Sunday Morning, Shamwana: A Midwife's Letters from the Field*, directed toward adolescents, teens, and younger adults, and her presentation will be through a spiritual lens.



Alexa Bonsey



John "Jack" Ernest Pelletier Sr.
Gail O. Preston

News from Your Outreach Board

At its February 2013 meeting, your Outreach Board made donations to local, Maine, and international organizations. On behalf of our church, we made the following donations:

\$50.00 to Safe Family Exchange, Inc. This organization provides safe and pleasant court ordered exchanges of children between divorced or separated parents. Coordination and supervision are provided by salaried staff as well as volunteers. **Volunteers are always needed. Call 266-7620 for more information.**

\$50.00 to Island Connections. This MDI-based organization pairs volunteer drivers with elderly and disabled neighbors to drive them to vital health and life enhancing services. **Volunteers are always needed. Call**

\$50.00 to the Maine Lions P.E.T. Project. The Personal Energy Transportation project provides "Gifts of Mobility" to individuals in developing countries who do not have the use of their legs. Individual machines (see photo) are made which provide mobility through hand-cranked power. The labor costs are donated, but about \$250 is needed to purchase the materials for manufacture and shipping of each PET.



\$50.00 to International Partners in Mission. IPM works across borders of faith, culture, and economic circumstance with children, women, and youth to create partnerships that build justice, peace, and hope. IPM strives to provide opportunities for partnership that are personal and effective, in part, through their Immersion Experience program, allowing donors and friends to engage directly with their Project Partners from across the globe.

What an opportunity! Are you interested?

International Partners in Mission International, Staff Member Joe Cistone (from our own MDI!), joined us at our Outreach Board's February meeting. IPM's three primary areas of focus are: Project Partnerships, the Immersion Experience Program, and the Global Citizen Program. Our outreach board expressed great interest in the Immersion Experience Program. Trips are generally 7-9 days and are made to nine different countries (Tanzania, Italy, India, Kenya, El Salvador, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Brazil, Nepal) and within the USA. The itinerary of the Immersion Experience includes the following activities for participants:

- Spending time humbly in accompaniment, solidarity, and dialogue with Project Partners;
- Visiting sites of socio-cultural, environmental, historical, and political importance;
- Daily opportunities for learning, reflection, and sharing upon the reality experience in-country; and
- Pre-trip planning and post-trip partnerships.

Groups (from churches, academic institutions, corporations, etc.) work with IPM to plan for meaningful experiences. The bulk of the planning is already done as IPM has led many trips. The group does its own fundraising. However, there is a trip to the Dominican Republic this June that is being largely subsidized by a grant from a generous philanthropist. **The ONLY cost** the participant incurs is the airfare, approximately \$800.00. The group comprises participants from a variety of congregations and there are a couple of slots still available (as of our February meeting). If you are interested in this amazing (and affordable) experience, please contact **Debby Hammond at 288-8058** at your earliest convenience.

Kathe Simons



<p>3 <i>Family Sunday</i> <i>Pilgrim Lodge Sunday</i> Worship Service and Sunday School Alleluia Choir 11:30</p>	<p>4 Cancer Support Group 5:00</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Lenten Supper 6:00 PM</p>	<p>7 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM</p>	<p>1/8</p>	<p>2/9</p>
<p>10 <i>OGHS Sunday</i> Worship Service and Sunday School</p>	<p>11 Called to Care 7:00 PM</p>	<p>12 <i>March on Mt. Desert St. 5:00 PM</i> Outreach 7:00 PM</p>	<p>13 Lenten Supper 6:00 PM</p>	<p>14 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 <i>Movie Night and Sleepover</i></p>
<p>17 Worship Service and Sunday School</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 C. E. Board 6:00 PM</p>	<p>20 <i>April Chimes Deadline</i> Deacons 6:30 PM Lenten Supper 6:00 PM</p>	<p>21 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM</p>	<p>22 <i>All Soul's women's retreat 4:00 -</i></p>	<p>23 <i>All Soul's women's retreat</i></p>
<p>24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Worship Service and Sunday School Linda Robinson talk 11:30 Alleluia Choir 11:30</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Council 7:00 PM</p>	<p>28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i></p>	<p>29 <i>Good Friday</i></p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31 <i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>Family Sunday</i> Worship Service and Sunday School Alleluia Choir 11:30</p>						

March 2013



- 1 Mason Gurtler
- 1 Barbara Moulton
- 1 David Lind
- 2 Cas Dowden
- 3 Jill Pelletier
- 4 Maddie Langley
- 5 Gloria Soule
- 6 Dana Reed
- 6 Kristin MacQuinn
- 6 Henry A. Brown
- 7 Laurie Riddell
- 8 Vickie Bence
- 9 Judy Fuller
- 9 Christopher Bence
- 13 Doug Lee
- 13 Estelle Megquier
- 14 Lucy Sprague
- 14 Doris Karst
- 16 Lucille Campbell
- 17 Kincaid MacCulloch
- 18 Sharon Hobbs
- 20 Haleigh Smith
- 21 Brad Haskell
- 22 Samuel Owen Craighead
- 22 Pierce DiMauro
- 22 Bryce DiMauro
- 22 Kirstin DiMauro
- 26 Graham Langley
- 31 Shelley MacQuinn



Daylight-Saving Time begins,

March 10, 2013

Sunday Worship Contributors

Head Deacon – Betsy Higgins
Assistant Deacon – Lindsay Shopland

Liturgists –

- 3: Betsy Higgins
- 10: Rodney Fox
- 17: Amy Riddell
- 24: Scott Hammond
- 31:

Coffee Hosts –

- 3:
- 10:
- 17: Kim Craighead
- 24:
- 31

Flowers –

- 3:
- 10:
- 17:
- 24:
- 31: Easter Flowers

Bible Readings - March

- 3 Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
I Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9
- 10 Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
- 17 Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8
- 24 Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14-23:56
- 31 Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
John 20:1-18

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Special dates

- World Day of Prayer, *March 1, 2013*
- Third Sunday in Lent, *March 3, 2013*
- Fourth Sunday in Lent, *March 10, 2013*
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, *March 10 2013*
- Girl Scout Sunday, *March 10, 2013*
- Fifth Sunday in Lent, *March 17, 2013*
- First Day of Spring, *March 20, 2013*
- Palm Sunday, *March 24, 2013*
- Maundy/Holy Thursday, *March 28, 2013*
- Good Friday, *March 29, 2013*
- Holy Saturday, *March 30, 2013*
- Easter Sunday, *March 31, 2013*

Belief about or belief in?

An aerialist, who specialized in riding a bicycle on a tightrope across waterfalls, set up his equipment across Niagara Falls. A great crowd gathered to watch him ride across the roaring waters. Not only did he complete the trip over, but he returned riding backwards! The crowd was in awe of his ability. He asked the crowd, "Do you believe I could do it again with a person sitting on my shoulders?"

"Yes," they all shouted as one.

"Which one of you will ride with me then?" he asked.

No one spoke up. That's the difference between believing about Jesus and believing in Jesus. When we believe in him, we trust our whole life to him.

An Easter prayer

Once again, Lord, we are astounded by the incomparable and glorious event of Easter.

To remember how you conquered sin and evil through the resurrection of Jesus stirs up joy and hope within us.

It comforts us greatly to know that because Christ was raised from the dead, we who are 'in Christ' have the assurance of eternal life.

Furthermore, to have the living Christ as our Savior and the undergirding Holy Spirit as our daily Companion assures us of grace that never fails us.

Finally, it is a certainty that all things good and desirable are possible for those who love you, because Christ lives and reigns as King of our lives.

All praise and glory to you, loving Creator, now and forever! Amen.

-Charles Ferrell

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