



# THE CHIMES

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## FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

As you may know, Pam and I recently returned from a family visit to Koblenz, Germany where we stayed with our daughter (Kristin), son-in-law (Torsten), and their three children (Sebastian, Christopher, and Alexandra).

The newest addition, Alexandra, was welcomed into the world on June 4. After attending and chasing three grandchildren - ages 6, 1, and newborn - throughout the day (and we thought we were done with all that!), blessed sleep at the end of the day felt quite refreshing. Even after consuming good German meat (lots of pork) and potatoes, wonderful bread and pastries, and, of course, beer, each of us surprisingly managed to shed a few pounds during our two week stay.

It was not a case of all work and no play, however. On separate weekends we motored to two UNESCO World Heritage sites, the Trier Roman Monuments and the Cologne Cathedral. About an hour's drive west of Koblenz near the Luxembourg border, Trier is situated along the Moselle River. Founded in 16 BC as a Roman garrison, Trier is the oldest city in Germany. The Trier Roman Bridge across the Moselle is the oldest Roman bridge north of the Alps. Trier's great landmark, the Porta Nigra (Black Gate), was built of sandstone blocks. It is the best preserved Roman city gate north of the Alps. Not to be missed was the Amphitheater, built between roughly 160 and 200 AD. It is estimated that it may have seated up to 20,000 spectators. At this time, an amphitheater was seen as a fundamental requirement for many Roman

cities, just as large sports stadiums are the norm in major American cities of today. In addition to animal hunts and gladiatorial battles, musical recitals and religious festivals were also staged there.

The best was saved for last...the magnificent Cologne Cathedral along the Rhine standing tall above the roofs and chimneys of the city. It is Germany's most visited landmark, attracting an average of 20,000 people a day. Construction of Cologne Cathedral commenced in 1248 and was halted in 1473, leaving it unfinished. Work restarted in the 19th century and was completed, to the original plan, in 1880. The cathedral is the largest Gothic church in Northern Europe, and has the second-tallest spire and largest façade of any church in the world. Miraculously spared from heavy Allied bombing during World War II, the church is a powerful testimony to the strength and persistence of Christian belief.

Although it felt strange not to be celebrating the 4th of July in good ole Bar Harbor, we celebrated Torsten's birthday which also falls on the 4th. His parents from Halle as well as his brother and family from Bonn came to join in the festivities. Did you know that late afternoon is one of the most pleasant times in Germany? That's when families and friends sit down for Kaffee und Kuchen (coffee and cake). Guten Appetit!

God's blessings and safe travels to all as you reconnect with family and friends in these summer months, or perhaps some other time during the year!

Rev. Keith Bowie



## FROM THE PSTT...

Some of you have expressed difficulties with the Surveys. You didn't see why certain questions were asked and other issues were avoided. We want to make it clear that we did not write the surveys.

In fact, we had some of the same questions you have asked. But here is the thing. The UCC sends the same surveys out to all pastors applying for jobs. They are all the same to level the playing field so that our survey asks the same questions as a church in MA or CA. A pastor can compare the same answers from one church to another. It is just one of the tools a prospective pastor can use to get a feel for a church.

Stay tuned for some of the information we gathered which we will be sharing with all of you.

That last survey, the one that asked you to pick the twelve most needed skills of a minister, did you find it difficult? You were asked to "SELECT THE 12 QUALITIES you would like in a pastor and you feel need first priority at this time." The more you thought about it, the harder it became.

The truth is, we want a minister who has all the skills, fills all our needs, agrees with our opinions, and has a great personality to boot. What we want is Jesus. But what we get will be a human being, imperfect, limited, flawed, a sinner just like us.

Let's look at that question another way. Instead of thinking about what YOU would like in a pastor, let's think about what Bar Harbor Congregational Church needs most right now.

What's the most important need facing us?

- Do we need someone who will build a dynamic youth ministry?
- Do we want someone who visits the sick, cares for the folks not able to get out to church, contacts inactive members, has a calling to seek out and love everyone?
- Do we need someone whose words, both written and spoken, will inspire us.

The list goes on and on. What do you think our church needs most right now?

Think about it, and let us know your #1 priority by emailing either of us, or putting your answer in the suggestion box.

And about that perfect minister? It's a two-way street. He or she will be hoping for a perfect congregation, one that works hard to do everything possible to make our church a source of light to the community.

Let's pray for this unknown pastor, and for each one of us as we ponder what we can do to support him/her.

Let's pray daily for that pastor as we draw nearer to the day we will meet.

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**Congratulations to  
Ruth Rossi and Ben Blaney  
July 6, 2013**

# Maine Conference Annual Meeting 2013

## "Moving Forward In the Midst of Change"

Dear Church Family;

Once again, your elected delegates, Kathy and Kincaid MacCulloch, Hunter Riddell, me, and Pastor Keith Bowie, traveled to the University of Maine @ Farmington campus for the Maine UCC Conference Annual Meeting May 30 to June 1<sup>st</sup>. This year's theme, **Moving Forward in the Midst of Change**, seemed to be made for us. We discovered a number of parallels in the life of the Maine Conference Center and our little church. The conference is going through a search process...just like us. They are visioning and planning too...not unlike our own Pastoral Search and Transition Team, committees and boards.

As delegates, we voted on a proposed vision and mission statement, and mission plan for the Maine Conference while at this year's Annual Meeting. Yet another similarity...we too may be making some decisions in the future that may change our outlook and how we do things in our church.

Many of the workshops that were offered at the meeting were geared for churches in the midst of some type of change. Here are titles of a few to give you a sampling of the topics that were covered:

† A Match Made in Heaven? Civil Marriage, Same-Sex Couples, and the Church Becoming A2A: The Nuts and Bolts of Widening Our Welcome

† On the Road Again: Preparing Lay People for Pastoral Care Visiting

† Helping Others Move Forward in the Midst of Change...;

† Integrating ONA in Our Churches

† Sharing Ministry

We attended as many workshops as possible, and have brought back materials and resources to share.

Often the keynote speaker and the worship services are highlights of Annual Meeting and this year was no exception. Reverend Geoffrey

Black, President of the United Church of Christ was the keynote and he was great! Kincaid was particularly impressed!

The worship services were unique and imaginative! The music was spirited, hope-filled, joyful, and inspiring. The closing worship service was titled: **Journeying Together in Faith**, which really resonated with me. I could not help think...truer words were never spoken as we faithfully journey forward in our own church! But then **Walking Forward Together** is what we hopefully do as a church, and as discerning members of the Maine Conference United Church of Christ, isn't it?

Yours in Faith,  
Kathy Woodside  
Delegate

*Note: **Walking Forward Together** was the title of the final sermon at the Maine Conference Annual Meeting.*

## Help Wanted....

The **Christian Education Board** and the **Board of Deacons** are looking for adult members who might be interested in serving as **Faith Partners** to 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders who will be participating in this year's **Confirmation Class**. A **Faith Partner** may attend classes with **confirmands** and help them through the process. They offer encouragement, send cards, remember birthdays, occasionally provide rides to class, etc. If you think you might be interested in supporting these young people in their faith journey, please contact **Kathy MacCulloch** ([kathymacculloch@gmail.com](mailto:kathymacculloch@gmail.com)) or **Kathy Woodside** ([woodsidekat@gmail.com](mailto:woodsidekat@gmail.com)).

**With Sympathy to the family and friends of Judith Burns, Marion Dyer's sister, who died on July 10, at Westgate Manor in Bangor**

## **Non-Rotarian Paul Harris Fellow Award Given to Paul Paradis by The Bar Harbor/MDI Rotary Club**

*The introduction below was given at the June 29, 2013, Ellsworth Rotary meeting when Paul Paradis was made a Non-Rotarian Paul Harris Fellow. The Paul Harris Fellowship is Rotary's highest honor. It was established in 1957 as a Certificate of Recognition.*



Paul Paradis and Dana Read

This year's Non-Rotarian PHF is a long time resident of Bar Harbor. He was born on Martha's Vineyard. His family moved here 5 years later. He graduated from MDI HS, and enlisted in the Coast Guard where he was promoted into aviation as a helicopter navigator. One of his more memorable missions was to aid in the rescue of stranded Russian seamen, and he has a picture of himself with President Reagan. Yes, Paul Paradis is a Republican in a Democratic community.

Paul then went to college at Babson and then came home to work in the family hardware store, Paradis True Value, in 1988. It was a big year, as Paul also married Beth that same year. Since then, the store has more than doubled its sales. Paul purchased the business from his parents, Gerry and Gae Paradis. Paul and Beth have one daughter, Hannah who is also with us tonight.

Paradis True Value supports numerous community fundraisers, including our Adventure Golf Tournament, but so do many other of our fine community businesses. What really differentiates Paul is his tireless service to our community on the Town Council, and his leadership in many of its important projects.

Paul has worked tirelessly as a member of the Town Council. He does his homework, is always prepared. Whether or not you agree with his views and votes, they are always well reasoned.

- 1) Paul is leading the effort to preserve the ferry terminal, have it owned by the state, and operated by the Maine Port Authority. That effort may or may not be successful, but it never would have gotten off the ground without Paul working with the Maine Port Authority, the State, Senator Collins office and the Canadian government.
- 2) Paul has also been a driver of the Route 3 construction project, which is now approved and funded for construction in 2015.
- 3) Lastly, Paul has reinvigorated the town's Cruise Ship Committee and has improved relations with that industry while helping generate well over \$500,000/year and \$2.3 million over the last few years in cruise ship revenues to improve the town's broadly defined cruise ship related infrastructure.
  - a) \$290M Port Security Match
  - b) \$100M Town Pier Renovations
  - c) \$167M Sidewalk Reconstruction
  - d) \$85M Newport Rest Rooms
  - e) \$60M Ferry Terminal Study
  - f) \$26M Museum on the Streets

Paul has consistently put service above self, not only with his support of community non-profits, but also by his endless personal time supporting the community through his work on and around the town council and is a very deserving recipient of a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Source: Bar Harbor/MDI Rotary Club



Sometimes we resist the light of Christ. But when his light touches us, we can then share it with others. Play this fun game on a summer night to remember how Christ's light shines in the world.

**What you need:**

- Friends
- Safe open space outdoors
- A flashlight for each player

**How to play:**

1. Choose one person to be the Tagger, known as the Light. Only that person can have his or her flashlight on.
2. The Light tries to shine his or her flashlight on other players, who run around and try to hide in the darkness.
3. Once players have been touched by the Light, they turn on their flashlights and join in, trying to shine on others.
4. Play until everyone has been tagged by the Light. Repeat, giving everyone a turn to be the Light.



## GOD'S LIGHT



Summer's long days can remind us of our Creator, who made the sun and wants us to live in his light.

**Directions:** First, write the opposite of each word in parentheses. Then use the Word Bank words, in order, to complete 1 John 1:5-7, NIV.

**WORD BANK:** is in is at if in as is in with

God \_\_\_\_\_ (dark); \_\_\_\_\_ (her)

there \_\_\_\_\_ (yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (light) \_\_\_\_\_ (none) \_\_\_\_\_

But \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ (run) \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (dark),

\_\_\_\_\_ (she) \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (dark),

we have fellowship \_\_\_\_\_ one another. ...

1 John 1:5-7, NIV

Answer: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ... But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another. (1 John 1:5-7, NIV)

# August



- 1 Julia Link
- 1 Nancy Pelletier
- 1 Hunter Riddell
- 3 Gabrielle Link
- 5 Jefferson Hobbs
- 5 Avary Bryer
- 5 Callahan Bryer
- 6 Sylvia Webber
- 7 David Woodside
- 10 Rebecca Bryer
- 12 Donna Beals
- 12 Barbara Richardson
- 13 Gerard Haraden
- 17 Al Simons
- 17 Ponzi Reed
- 19 Marion Dyer
- 20 Kristi Garland Hatrick
- 22 Lynn O'Neil
- 24 Derry Roopenian
- 27 Kendra Logan Bryer
- 27 Amy Riddell
- 27 Penny Frost
- 27 Jennifer Booher
- 28 Billy Mitchell
- 29 Norman Moulton
- 30 Laurie Wellman

## Sunday Worship Contributors

### Head Deacon-

### Liturgists-

- 4: Wendy Fehlauer
- 11:
- 18:
- 25:

### Flowers –

- 4: Crystal Dow
- 11: Barbara MacQuinn and family
- 18: Charles and Patty Benore
- 25: Ruth Rossi

### Coffee Hosts -

- 4:
- 11: Blueberry Festival
- 18:
- 25:

### Home Bible Readings

- 4 Hosea 11:1-11  
Psalm 107:1-9, 43  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21
- 11 Isaiah 1:1, 10-20  
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Luke 12:32-40
- 18 Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2  
Luke 12:49-56
- 25 Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 13:10-17



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
				1	2	3
4 <b>Worship Service 10:00 AM</b>	5 Cancer Support Group 5:00  BH Town Band rain venue	6	7	8 BH Town Band rain venue	9	10
11 <b>Worship Service 10:00 AM</b>	12 BH Town Band rain venue	13	14	15 BH Town Band rain venue	16 Wedding rehearsal	17 Wedding 2:00
18 <b>Worship Service 10:00 AM</b>  C. E. Board after worship	19	20 PSTT 7:00	21	22	23	24
25 <b>Worship Service 10:00 AM</b>	26	27	28	29	30	31

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### **Remember who made us**

We have forgotten the gracious hand which has preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving Grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

Abraham Lincoln

### **I believe in the church**

I believe more profoundly in the church every hour that I live. We can make our money and our witness go further through the church than through any independent movement. We can do more constructive work through the church than any other way in the world. That is my deepest conviction. I have watched all kinds of independent movements, and my conviction steadily deepens that Christians are doing the wisest thing possible when we link our lives with the church.

—George W. Truett