



# THE CHIMES

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## FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

As we move into the New Year, here are my "Top Ten" pragmatic suggestions for daily living, in no particular order. I need to remind myself of all of them and I hope you will also find them of interest. Here they are:

1. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO KNOW HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF WHAT THEY HAVE. How much misery do we put ourselves through sitting and groaning over the real success we could have had if only....?

2. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO FIGHT GETTING OLD AND KNOW HOW TO STAY YOUNG. On the tombstones of some people there should be this inscription: "Died at 30; Buried at 70", or whenever. No matter how fast the birthdays may come, the longer the time you stay young the shorter the time you will have to be old.

3. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE CONSTANTLY STRIVING TOWARD ANOTHER GOAL. Success is the feeling you have as you travel, not the feeling you get when you arrive. To have succeeded is to have finished one's business on earth.

4. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO STAY CONNECTED TO OTHERS. Have you ever noticed a movie ticket stub having the printing: VOID IF DETACHED? There's a world of meaning wrapped up in that phrase.

5. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO CAN TURN LIFE'S LEMONS INTO LEMONADE. No explanation needed for this one.

6. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO REJECT PERFECTIONISM. Perfectionism is a dangerous trait and a subtle form of atheism.

7. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO CAN LAUGH WITH AND AT LIFE. The greatest friend you will ever have will be your own sense of humor. Laughter is God's compensating gift against all the pressures of life.

8. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO CAN KEEP GOING AFTER THEY HAVE REACHED THEIR TIRED SPOT. One of the distinguishing marks of a truly special person is how one behaves when he/she gets tired.

9. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO TAKE THE TIME TO MAKE AND KEEP A FRIEND. Friendship, like life and love, must be nourished and taken care of. If it is ignored, it atrophies and disappears.

10. BLESSED ARE THOSE WITH AN EDUCATED HEART, i.e., COMMON SENSE. To have an educated heart means you know something wonderful to say about someone else's life...and you do it; it means you know something cruel or malicious ...and you don't say it.

Have a wonderful, healthy, and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Rev. Keith Bowie

## From Your PSTT

On December 6, our Local Church Profile, Prospectus and advertisement for the UCC website were approved by the Maine Conference. That day an advertisement for a full-time pastor was put on the UCC website where any UCC pastor can see it and consider applying for the job. If you want to see this advertisement, click here:

<http://oppsearch.ucc.org/web/searchresult.aspx?q=customername&v=MAINE%20CONFERENCE%20UCC>

Just scroll down to "Maine" and click on "details."

To see our Prospectus, go to our church website: <http://www.barharborucc.org>

The link to the Prospectus is printed in red in the blue block of print. Click on it to see some wonderful pictures and reasons for a pastor to come to Bar Harbor. Thanks to David Lind for putting it on our site.

Now the PSTT moves to a new phase of the SEARCH. We are preparing ourselves for the interviews that will come as the new year begins.

Because of confidentiality issues, much of what we do from here on cannot be discussed by any member of the team. Please understand if we cannot answer some of your questions. We will keep you informed of our progress, but cannot reveal information about individual applicants. Please continue praying for us, for Keith, and for the applicants considering a pastorate in Bar Harbor.

Our best wishes for a Happy New Year, one filled with seeking and finding.

*Your Pastoral Search and Transition Team*



The 40th anniversary of our Annual Living Nativity was a big success. The three original Wisemen (Dr. Bill Horner, Dr. Dean Booher, and Bob Chaplin) wearing their original costumes from 1973 were awesome, and the "Midnight Madness" crowd really enhanced the number of spectators viewing the scene.

I send heartfelt thank you to all of the following: Brenda, for doing the publicity, and Dave, who put us on the Web, was the official photographer and helped with the lighting as well. Jane and Nancy ironed the costumes and made them more presentable. Deb and Lori and many others fed the gang, and Keith had on-the-job training with the chimes!!!

All of the Nativity characters were beautiful, and I was so pleased to see so many newcomers in our church participating. **Thank you. Thank you.** I look forward to another year (my 19th) with all of you. Norma Spurling

### **A Prayer for Entering the New Year**

We know, O Lord, that our times are in your hands. While we live on Earth, enable us to please you in all things. Especially now, as we enter a new year, we pray for strengthened spirits that we may praise you properly by our thoughts, words and deeds. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Open and Affirming Update and Scheduled Sessions

The ONA discussions held on November 3 and 10 were attended by 40 and 20 people respectively. Some people attended both sessions, though the form of the meetings was repeated. Ron Beard facilitated the process, and had participants formulate concerns about ONA in the form of questions.

A follow-up working session with Pastor Keith, Ron Beard and the team appointed by the Church Council – Amanda Beals, Deb Wade, and Bruce Blake was held to draft a possible “where to from here” roadmap to present to the Church Council.

Please save the following dates for future sessions designed to address the concerns/questions from the two November meetings: **Sundays after church (lunch provided) on January 12 and 26; February 2 and 9; and March 2,16, 30; and April 30.** If weekday dates are needed to repeat the Sunday sessions, they will be held on a weekday evening during the same week as the Sunday sessions. More details will be available soon!

Deb Wade



Your 2014 offering envelopes are in the church narthex. If by chance they are not there, please contact Paul in the church office (288-3280).

## Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome Joan Carey and Andy Baron as new members of our church.

We also recently welcomed Bill and Byrne Erbe as new members.

Please extend a warm greeting to them when you can.

## Welcome our new interim organist, Edie Dunham

Edith Dunham grew up playing her father's harpsichord, and went on to get a Masters in Early Music/Performance degree in Harpsichord from Longy School of Music in Cambridge, MA. Locally, Edith Dunham has been the summer organist and choir director at St. Jude's Episcopal church in Seal Harbor for more than ten years. She also served as interim organist and music director at the Congregational Church for six months in 2004, and interim organist at St. John's Episcopal Church in Southwest Harbor for a winter in 2008. Currently a resident of the Blue Hill area, Edith directed a children's chorus in Bar Harbor for three years prior to moving.

## Count your blessings!

If you reduced the world's population down to 100 people, 57 (or 57 percent) would be Asians, 21 would be Europeans, 14 would be from the Western Hemisphere and eight from Africa.

Among those 100 people would be 52 females and 48 males. Seventy people would be nonwhite; 30 would be white. Seventy would be non-Christian; 30 would be Christian. Six people would possess 59 percent of the world's wealth, and those six would all be Americans.

Eighty people would live in substandard housing, 70 would be unable to read and 50 would suffer malnutrition. Only one person would be college-educated, and only one person would have a computer.

If you have food to eat, clothes to wear and a place to sleep tonight, you are richer than 70 percent of the world's people. Furthermore, if you're alive at this time next week, you won't be among the one million people who died during that time.

Think about your blessings as you start a new year in this most favored and wonderful nation.

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**If you can,  
please help those less fortunate.**



Helping the  
Hurting



December marks the end of the year but in Christian Education, we are still going strong. We have some events coming up in the New Year that you should mark in your calendars!

**January 5<sup>th</sup>:** Birthday Sunday! We will be having our annual birthday celebration during coffee hour, including 12 delicious cakes, one for each month! Bring your appetite as we share in this group celebration!

**January 12<sup>th</sup>:** First Day of the Winter Trimester

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Souper Bowl Sunday. Our kids will be collecting canned goods and monetary donations for our local food pantry. Let's try to exceed our goal of last years \$150 and 98 cans!

**March 9<sup>th</sup>:** Pilgrim Lodge Sunday. Wear your PL gear and join us in celebrating our Church's Summer Camp

**March 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>:** Vacation Bible Camp. What better way to beat the March Mud Season than by having a beach party? We will be hosting Vacation Bible Camp in the evenings each night during the week, ending with a Movie Night Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more info!

**March 30<sup>th</sup>:** End of Winter Trimester

Thank you again to all those who have helped out our youth this past year. Our kids and I would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We hope we can always count on you!

Warmly, Amanda Beals

# Creation KALEIDOSCOPE

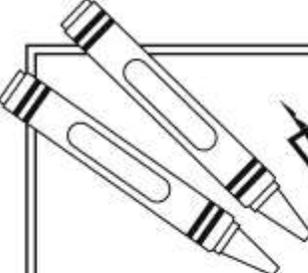
Make this fun craft to remember what our heavenly Creator made.

## What you need:

- Adult help
- Tall chip can with lid
- Hammer and nail
- Acrylic paint; paintbrush
- Water, glitter, white glue
- Colored tissue paper
- Stronger craft glue (not hot glue)
- Star stickers or sequins
- Two 4" x 5" pieces of clear Con-Tact paper
- Scissors; pencil; permanent marker

## What you do:

1. In bottom center of can, hammer a hole with a nail. Paint outside of can. Let dry.
2. Add glitter and a little water to white glue. With a clean paintbrush, glue tissue paper to bottom outside of lid.
3. Add stars to sticky side of Con-Tact paper. Place a matching piece on top, sticky sides together.
4. Put craft glue along edge of can opening. Glue Con-Tact paper square over opening. Let dry.
5. Place lid on can, over Con-Tact paper. Turn lid to get kaleidoscope effect.
6. With marker, write "In the beginning ..." on can.



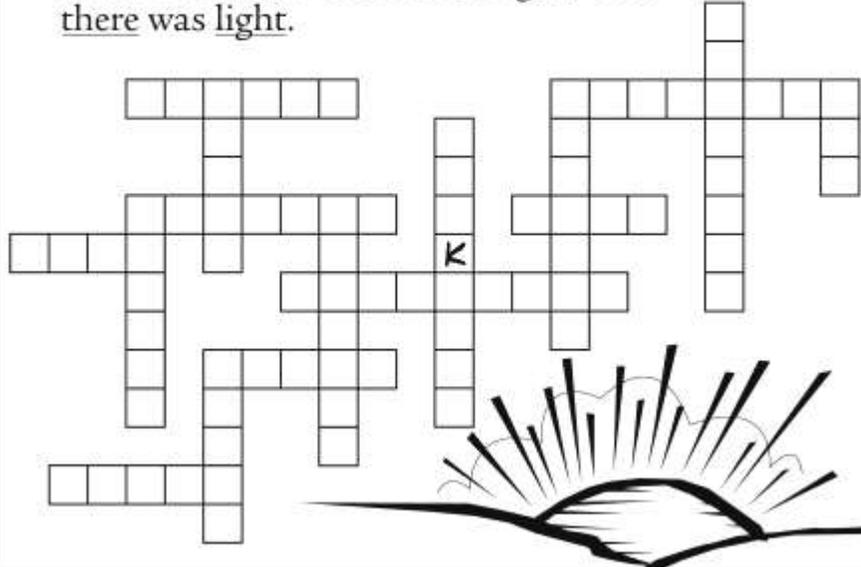
# PUZZLE

## The Beginning

The start of a new calendar year is a great time to praise God for his amazing creation.

**Directions:** Read Genesis 1:1-3 (NIV), below. Place the underlined words into the crossword. One letter has been provided to help you start.

*I*n the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.



The crossword puzzle grid is partially filled with words from the text. The letter 'K' is placed in the 10th square of the 10th row, 10th column. The words 'beginning', 'heavens', 'earth', 'formless', 'empty', 'darkness', 'over', 'surface', 'deep', 'Spirit', 'hovering', 'waters', 'God', and 'light' are all underlined in the text above.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 <b>Sunday Worship</b> 10:00 AM Family Sunday	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 <b>Sunday Worship</b> 10:00 AM	13 Called to Care 7:00 PM	14 PSTT 7:00 PM	15 Deacons 7:00 PM	16 Trustees 5:30 PM	17	18
19 <b>Sunday Worship</b> 10:00 AM C.E. Board 11:30 AM	20	21	22 Church Council 7:00 PM	23	24	25
26 <b>Sunday Worship</b> 10:00 AM	27	28	29	30	31	

# January



## Birthdays this Month

- 1 Bob Breen
- 1 Mac Shea
- 3 Barbara Hepburn
- 5 Jeff McCarthy
- 9 Ryan Kelly
- 10 Barbara Steele
- 10 Annie Painter
- 11 Dorothy Ames Robins
- 12 Michele Gurtler
- 12 Emily McCarthy
- 12 Olivia McCarthy
- 12 Noah Lambert
- 18 Andy Shea
- 20 Doug McMinimy
- 21 Karen McFarland
- 23 Gordon Valleau
- 23 Drew Shea
- 24 Cecil Sprague
- 29 Robert Malaney
- 29 Timothy Beals
- 29 Kathe Simons
- 30 Judith Burns
- 30 Graydon Webster
- 31 Abbie Reed Nickels



## Sunday Worship Contributors

**Head Deacon**  
**Assistant Deacon**

### Liturgists –

5  
12  
19  
26

### Flowers –

5 Esther Testa  
12 Ruth Rossi  
19 Lois Wade  
26 Binky MacQuinn

### Coffee Hosts --

5  
12  
19  
26

### Lectionary –

5 Jeremiah 31:7-14  
Psalm 147:12-20  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
John 1:1-18  
12 Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 29  
Acts 10:34-43  
Matthew 3:13-17  
19 Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalm 40:1-11  
1 Cor 1:1-9  
John 1:29-42  
26 Isaiah 9:1-4  
Psalm 27:1,4-9  
1 Cor 1:10-18  
Matthew 4:12-23

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### **Special dates:**

- New Year's Day, *January 1, 2014*
- Epiphany, *January 6, 2014*
- Baptism of the Lord, *January 12, 2014*
- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance, *January 20, 2014*
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, *January 18-25, 2014*

### **Resolutions**

American theologian Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) became focused on his life's purpose at age 19. The result was 70 resolutions, or commitments, he wrote down and then read every week for 35 years until his death.

Some of those resolutions include:

- To live with all my might while I do live.
- To study the Scriptures ... steadily, constantly and frequently.
- Never to lose one moment of time.
- Never to do anything which I should despise or think meanly of in another.
- Never to do anything out of revenge.
- To let there be something of benevolence in all that I speak.
- Never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.

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### **For everything a season**

Wanting his sons to learn not to judge too quickly, a man sent each, in turn, on a quest to look at a pear tree far away and report what he saw. The first son went in winter, the second in spring, the third in summer and the fourth in fall. Finally, the father gathered the young men together. "What did you see?" he asked.

The first son reported seeing an ugly tree, bent and lifeless. The second disagreed, saying it was budding with fresh new life. The third son reported finding a tree laden with sweet-smelling, beautiful blossoms, while the fourth insisted it drooped with ripe fruit.

The father said his sons were all correct, for they'd seen the same tree, though at different seasons of its life. "Don't judge a tree — or a person — based on just one season of life," he counseled his children. "Who they are can only be known at the end, when all life's seasons have been lived.

"Furthermore," he added, "don't give up on your own life if you experience a hard season, such as winter, or you'll miss out on the renewal of spring, the joy of summer, the fulfillment of autumn."