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FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

In the 1967 award winning film "Cool Hand Luke," the sadistic prison warden delivers a famous and now memorable line: "What we got here is failure to communicate." I'm not exactly sure why moviegoers remember this one line so well. Maybe it's because Strother Martin, who portrayed the prison warden, uttered it with a rich, slow southern twang. My theory is that it simply resonates well with just about everyone. When communication has gone badly between person A and person B and neither is getting what the other is trying to say, there comes a point when you want to throw up your hands in resignation and say aloud "what we got here is failure to communicate." It is an all-too-common experience.

While we often prepare what we are going to say, we rarely think about how we will say something unless the situation is clearly critical, such as giving a presentation, or going for a job interview. But, in fact, the how is just as important as the what, and sends an important message. Communication style refers to the patterns that we use when we speak. It includes how we organize what it is we want to say, what information we emphasize, how fast or

slow we talk, the intonation patterns we use, when we pause, when we interrupt, how and when we smile or gesture, when we use humor or when we apologize, and much more.

Do you find it interesting that the words communicate, community, and communion sound so much alike? It is really no coincidence. They come from the same root and refer to processes of coming together and exchanging and sharing in order to create commonality. I think one reason why Christ was so effective with people was because of the singleness of the message he communicated. There was a harmony and unity between what he was and what he said. Because of his interior peace and simplicity, he had aligned his verbal and non-verbal communication. When his words said "yes," his whole person said "yes." And when his words said "no," his whole person said "no." Everything about him communicated his authenticity.

Am I hinting that we have a major "failure to communicate" problem in our church? Absolutely not. In fact, I am often impressed when witnessing conversations taking place of personal ideas and personal feelings being shared on a rather deep level instead of a superficial or informational level of communication. I really do think most of us try hard to listen with an open mind before we speak. The old adage that God gave us two

ears (to listen) and one mouth (to speak) is still true today!

On the other hand, can we strive to improve our communication to make it more meaningful and effective? Absolutely. There is always room for improvement. For example, I worry that in today's world we rely so much on e-mail to communicate. It has its pluses as well as its limitations. I am so glad we now have a public relations (PR) "point person" to channel our announcements to the MDI Islander (read related article in the newsletter). We do some pretty amazing things here in this church and we should not be bashful in getting the word out to the community.

In the meantime, announcements will continue to be made on Sunday mornings, meetings will be held, information with date and time will be posted and sent out by regular mail and/or e-mail. Some slip-ups are inevitable, but we can all work to minimize them. We are still human beings just trying to stay connected to one another and sharing our existence with God and others. As St. Paul admonished, let us be gentle and forgiving of one another. Remember, COMMUNICATION = COMMUNITY = COMMUNION. It's all tied together!

Rev. Keith Bowie



From the PSTT.....

The month of May was spent in conducting second interviews; June finds us visiting other churches for neutral pulpits.

You can imagine that when twelve people read ministerial profiles, listen to candidates, read church newsletters and sermons, watch videos and search church websites, different concerns and enthusiasms arise. Our goal now is to reach consensus, not an easy task with any twelve people.

The blessing is that we have gotten to know each other, to appreciate each other's talents, and opinions. The twelve of us have made friendships that will last for years. To think together (the early meaning of the word consensus), we need to listen to each other, especially when we disagree.

We need to trust that if we enter into discernment knowing that God will speak to and through us, we will find the pastor we need.

And it might just be something that someone in the congregation says that encourages one of us to think again.

So keep praying for us and keep talking to us. It is a challenging task to choose a pastor. We're praying for that "still, small voice of God" to guide us.

It might come through one of the team, and it might just come through you.

Your PSTT

PILGRIM LODGE REPRESENTATIVE TO SPEAK

On Sunday, June 8, Rev. Peter Heinrichs will present a five to eight minute "Mission Moment" during worship on Pilgrim Lodge and update us on the current Capital Campaign for PL. Since 1957, Pilgrim Lodge has transformed the lives of thousands of campers, young and old. Lying on the shores of beautiful Lake Cobbosseecontee in West Gardiner, Maine, and providing a safe, welcoming summer camp experience, Pilgrim Lodge has become for many, in the words of one young camper, "the place where God lives." Learn how you can help to "pass it on."



As school winds down, our summer is heating up in Christian Education. As we have done in the past, Sunday school during the summer months will look a bit different than our normal school year. We have set aside 10 Sundays to host our Jesus Christ & Me program, aka JC & Me. 10 members of the congregation will take a Sunday in the summer and do something different with our kids based on their talents and interest. This program allows our kids

to get to know the “grown ups” who they don’t always get to spend time with. This year’s theme is “All Around the World!” Each Sunday, kids will be given a stamp in their very own JC & Me passport as they travel along with our congregation through the summer events! It will definitely be a time to enjoy with our congregation.

June is the month of graduation and we have a very special graduate this year, Maggie Painter, who is graduating from MDI high school June 15th. We are very proud of her and wish her the best of luck as she continues on to college in the fall.

Lastly, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to some amazing people who have helped to make this year’s educational program outstanding and one to remember. If you see these people around, please give them thanks for their gifts of time, talents, and service to our youth.

Teachers:

**Kathy Woodside
Kathy MacCulloch
Katy Bryer
Betty Bryer
Kim Craighead
Brad Stager
Chris Beals
Beth Paradis
David Lind
Mike Bonsey
Betsy Higgins
Caroline McMinimy
Kincaid MacCulloch
Mason Gurtler
Julia Hendricks**

Volunteers:

**Kathe Simons
Judy Fuller
Keith Bowie
Kathy Woodside
Kathy MacCulloch
Katy Bryer
Brad Stager
Chris Beals
Betsy Higgins
Caroline McMinimy
Kincaid MacCulloch
Mason Gurtler
Doug McMinimy
Geneva Langley
Katie Skeate
Scott Hammond
Debby Hammond
Diane Bonsey
Kendra Bonsey
Edie Dunham
Gabrielle Uliano**



Come Join the Cleanup Day team,
Sunday June 8th after church!

Here's the "Countdown of the Top 10 reasons for joining the Cleanup
Come for as long or short as you can, and you will:

- 10) Learn the location of the outside faucet!
- 9) Finally see what resides in our mysterious garden shed!
- 8) Play with dirt!
- 7) Plant flowers!
- 6) Water and feed plantings!
- 5) Make our parlor, pantry and kitchen sparkle!
- 4) Acquire Vitamin D the old-fashioned way, outside!
- 3) Pull the pesky weeds you ordinarily have to walk by to save your Sunday clothes!
- 2) Work off all those after-worship goodies you ate during coffee hour!

AND the Number One reason to join in:

- 1) **Wear "play clothes" to church !!!!**

See you there, shine or rain,
The Trustees

PS: Bring work gloves, some hand loppers/garden pruners if you have them.
Other tools provided.

Projects include things for all ages and abilities: weeding, trimming, litter patrol, raking, cleaning gutters, cleaning leaves from catch basins.

Youth Sunday

May 18th was a special day in our church calendar....it was our annual Youth Sunday Service. Many in our congregation look forward to this special service all year long and this year's young people did NOT disappoint! They did an outstanding job!

Our confirmation students Mason Gurtler, Julia Hendricks, Kincaid MacCulloch, and Caroline McMinimy provided the leadership and structure for the service. They selected the music, the prayers, wrote the sermons, and provided a positive example for our youngest members. Mason proved to be an able Deacon and provided tech support for our younger kids' interpretation of Psalm 31.

Kincaid did an amazing job as liturgist and Psalm narrator. Julia held our youngest (and older) members in the palm of her hand with the children's sermon and special prayers, and Caroline delivered one of the most impressive sermons I have ever heard by anyone.

Carolyn Graber joined the group with the Offertory Prayer and Prayer of Dedication. Isabella Wellman Webster helped keep our youngest members on track throughout the skit. Our youngest participants were Heather Riddell, Joey Wellman-Cloute, Valeda Higgins, Gwendolyn Steger, Evan Beals and older youth Grady Wellman-Webster, Carolyn Graber, and Eva Bonsey all did a great job with their skit.

Many thanks to all who provided their able assistance and support: Amanda Beals, Doug McMinimy, Gabby Uliano, Kendra Bonsey, Edie Dunham, Paul Dickson, and Pastor Keith Bowie. And finally my "sister" in life and faith, Kathy MacCulloch....you are awesome!

We are most blessed!
Kathy Woodside



A SPECIAL INVITATION TO CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

June 1st is Confirmation Sunday! Please join confirmands **Caroline McMinimy, Julia Hendricks, Kincaid MacCulloch, and Mason Gurtler** in a celebration of faith and commitment.

This is a special time in the life of our church family. The Christian Education Board, Deacons, and the families of these four dedicated young people hope you will participate in this special service for them in recognition of this part of their faith journey.

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

On Sunday, June 22nd we will be celebrating the beginning of summer with a Church Family Picnic after church instead of our regular Coffee Fellowship Time. Everyone is encouraged to bring a salad, chips, drinks, or a dessert to share.

The Christian Ed Board will supply rolls and sandwich fixings. We pray for good weather, but if not we will have our picnic in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. Watch for the sign-up sheet for your food or beverage contribution for our summer celebration.

New Music Director

The Music Committee is pleased to announce that our church will have a new, permanent Organist/Music Director in June. **Robin Ann Barron** of Farmington, Maine has been a professional organist and choir/music director since 1979. She was a public school music teacher for K-12, loves working with children, and hopes to develop a junior choir. We're looking forward to the beautiful music Robin will bring to our church. Robin will start on the last Sunday of June.

MDI Islander Spokesperson

Lindsay Shopland is the new church PR person. She will communicate directly with the MDI Islander/Earl Brechlin for press releases. It was recommended by the *MDI Islander* to have one (and only one) person contact them regarding announcements to be published (e.g., community dinners, Vacation Bible Camp, etc.).

If you have a newsworthy event that you want listed in the paper, please send the item to Lindsay, and she will submit it. Announcements will need to be submitted to the *Islander* two Fridays before the event. This will allow them to run in two editions of the paper, which most people get just before the weekend. Thanks to everyone for their cooperation, and thanks to Lindsay for volunteering to do this important task!

Blessed Trinity Sunday



John 16:12-13

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth . . ."

A wise person once said to me, "Most churches tend to be churches of one person of the Trinity or another." Some churches, in other words, are all about God, Father or Creator, while others are all over Jesus, Christ and Redeemer. And still others seem to know nothing but the Holy Spirit, Holy Ghost power and gifts of the Spirit.

In my experience there's a lot of truth in that observation. We get comfortable with one person of the Trinity, one way of thinking about or knowing God, and kind of overlook the others, with whom we may - for whatever reason - be less comfortable.

But the great gift of the Trinity can be to push us out of our comfort zones, out of the ways we limit God.

So if your church is real comfortable with God, Parent and Creator, the growing edge might be Jesus, who makes God down-to-earth, specific and in-your-face, who moves us beyond God as "sacred blur" (in the words of one friend).

Or should your church just love Jesus and honks for him every time, it might be good to remember that it didn't all end at Calvary, that the Spirit is alive and at work here and now, teaching us new things.

And if you're all up in the Spirit, digging the power and ecstasy, remember it's not about how spiritual or spirited we are, for the Spirit teaches us Jesus and empowers us to be Christ to our neighbors here and now (who are themselves all children of God the Creator of all that is and shall be, world without end, amen).

The Trinity is a little gift of the church intended, among other things, to keep our heads and hearts spinning and our faith living. Given half a chance, it will remind us that whenever we think we've got God figured out, we don't.

Prayer

Holy, Holy, Holy, God in three persons, blessed Trinity. For the wonderful threeness, bless thee, O God. Amen.

Anthony B. Robinson, a United Church of Christ minister, is a speaker, teacher and writer.

Source: UCC.org

A WORD COLLAGE FOR Dad

Create this artwork to express your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.



What you need:

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers (or foam letters and glue)

What you do:

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his titles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange words in a crossword style, both horizontally and vertically.
3. When you have a design you like, stick the words onto the blank canvas or board.
4. Present the gift to your dad or another special man on Father's Day. He'll enjoy this reminder of your love and appreciation.



A FATHER'S LOVE

Psalm 103:13 (NIV) describes what God the Father feels toward us: "As a father has _____ on his children, so the LORD has _____ on those who fear him."

Directions: Match the biblical children to their father, using the clues by the father's name. Then write the corresponding letter on the line to complete the Bible verse above.

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| • Shem, Ham and Japheth = M | • Rachel and Leah = S | • Cain, Abel and Seth = O |
| • Solomon = O | • Isaac and Ishmael = P | • Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Gad, Naphtali, Asher and Dinah = S |
| • Jonathan = I | • John the Baptist = N | |
| • Jesus = C | • Jacob and Esau = A | |

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| God: | "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." | <u>C</u> |
| Adam: | God gave him another son because his older killed the younger. | _____ |
| Noah: | His sons were blessed and told to multiply and replenish the earth. | _____ |
| Abraham: | God promised he would be a father of many nations. The Jews and Arabs descended from these two sons. | _____ |
| Isaac: | His older son sold his birthright, and his younger son tricked Isaac and received the blessings for the firstborn. | _____ |
| Laban: | He had two daughters; the older was tender-eyed and the younger very beautiful. Both married Jacob. | _____ |
| Jacob: | Two wives and two handmaids gave him 12 sons and a daughter. | _____ |
| Saul: | His son was David's best friend. | _____ |
| David: | He had many children, but one was known for his wisdom, for having many wives and for building God's temple. | _____ |
| Zechariah: | His son, a cousin to Jesus, was born to be a messenger of repentance. | _____ |



Birthdays this Month

- 1 Ruth Rossi
- 2 Paul Paradis
- 3 Addyson Makenna Boyce
- 5 Tricia Hammond
- 7 Hilda Roderick
- 8 Michael Gurtler
- 8 Mary Brown
- 9 Cynthia Lambert
- 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

Father's Day, June 15



Sunday Worship Contributors

Head Deacon – John Kelly

Assistant Deacon – Jan Varnum

Liturgists-

- 1
- 8
- 15
- 22
- 29

Flowers –

- 1 Deb Wade and Bob Breen
- 8 Jill and Sheldon Goldthwait
- 15 Deb Wade and Bob Breen
- 22 Jacqueline Johnson
- 29 Kathy and Dave Woodside

Coffee Hosts -

- 1
- 8
- 15
- 22 All Church Picnic
- 29

Lectionary -

- 1 Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11
- 8 Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23
- 15 Genesis 1:1-2, 4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20
- 22 Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39
- 29 Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1 Worship Service 10:00 AM <i>Confirmation Sunday</i> Sonogee Flower Bed project 2:00 pm <i>Student piano recital 5:00 pm</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Worship Service 10:00 AM <i>JC and Me Auction</i> C.E. Board 11:30 Church Spring Cleanup After Church	9	10 Outreach 7:00 PM	11	12 <i>Town Band rehearsal</i>	13	14
15 Worship Service 10:00 AM <i>Last day of S. School</i>	16	17 <i>Memorial Service 2:00 PM</i>	18 Deacons 7:00 PM	19 Trustees 5:30 PM	20	21 <i>Student violin recital 11:00</i>
22 Worship Service 10:00 AM Church Family Picnic	23	24	25 <i>Teacher Appreciation Dinner @ Woodside's</i>	26	27 <i>Memorial Service 1:00 PM</i>	28
29 Worship Service 10:00 AM <i>JC and Me starts</i>	30 <i>Town Band concert rain location</i>					

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Special dates:

- Pentecost, *June 8, 2014*
- Flag Day, *June 14, 2014*
- Trinity Sunday, *June 15, 2014*
- Father's Day, *June 15, 2014*
- First day of summer, *June 21, 2014* •

What matters most

When you are in the final days of your life, what will you want? Will you hug that college degree in the walnut frame? Will you ask to be carried to the garage so you can sit in your car? Will you find comfort in rereading your financial statement? Of course not. What will matter then will be people. If relationships will matter most then, shouldn't they matter most now?

—Max Lucado, *A Love Worth Giving*

A very wonderful and special country

What a country this is! To my way of thinking, there is nothing like it anywhere in the world. I have visited many beautiful lands, but upon returning to the United States, there is always the feeling that Almighty God carved out here a very wonderful and special country.

We need to recount the stories of the great souls America has produced and who produced America. We need to tell and retell these stories beginning with the Pilgrim Fathers. Bibles under their arms,

setting forth in little ships across a stormy sea, driven not by the winds that raged the Atlantic and caught the sails of their little boats, but by the mighty conviction that as sons of God no one could make slaves of them.

Something within drove them across trackless wastes to an inhospitable shore, where unhampered by the autocracy of men, they could worship God in all the dignity of free men.

We, too, need that spirit of freedom in our hearts. We need to recover the cleanness and manhood and power and might of the United States in our minds. We must reemphasize morality, decency and honesty. We need more of God and more of Jesus Christ. Deeply rooted in the American tradition are the sovereignty of God and the sacredness of human personality. Upon these two pillars rests American freedom.

-Dr. Norman Vincent Peale from his sermon 'I Pledge Allegiance'