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## FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

Does the Spanish schooner by the name of La Amistad ring any bells? It should. The Amistad story is a part of our United Church of Christ heritage and reveals that we serve a God of great mercy. Here is a quick summary of the story:

In June of 1839 a Spanish schooner named La Amistad sets sail from Havana, Cuba. On board are 53 captive Africans. The Spanish intend to sell the Africans into slavery, but the Africans revolt and seize control of the ship. Observed for its erratic behavior, ragged sails and African crew, the schooner is seized by the U.S. Navy. The Africans are arrested, jailed and charged with murder and mutiny. Enter a courageous band of Congregational, Baptist, and Presbyterian abolitionists who wrestle with their Bible long into the night and who decide to help fight the charges. They raise funds for the legal defense of the captives. These Christian abolitionists even learn their language, teach them to read and write, listen to their stories, befriend them and supply them with food and clothing.

The Amistad captives live under arrest for two years as the complicated and momentous case winds its way toward the U.S. Supreme Court. In March of 1841, in

the season of Lent, the Supreme Court justices render their verdict: they decide in favor of the Africans. This represents one of the first civil rights cases of the U.S. Supreme Court. It represents a turning point in the cause of abolition. Not least, it is a story about the triumph of mercy.

If you remember, the Amistad story was made into a 1997 historical drama film directed by Steven Spielberg. Also, out of that struggle, the abolitionists formed the American Missionary Association, which today is a unit of the UCC Board for Homeland Ministries. If you ever go through Cleveland, Ohio, stop and see the Amistad Chapel of the UCC Church House in downtown Cleveland. Gracious hosts will gladly tell you more about the Amistad.

Today we salute our UCC forbears who took up the Amistad cause and fought to secure the inalienable rights that are endowed by God. God continues to call each of us to act to make a difference in our world today. In a world where people are living behind walls that divide and doors that are locked, may God give us the wit, wisdom, and Spirit to unlock those doors.

Rev. Keith Bowie



From the PSTT

Our dates for neutral pulpits are June 29 and July 13. Then it's time for the BIG DECISION. Stay tuned to the Weekly News for information about when the congregation will vote on a new pastor.

Thanks to everyone for your prayers and support. **And thanks to Keith for being a great interim!**

Your PSTT

## Strawberry season again!

We'll celebrate this local bounty during the coffee hour on July 6th as the Outreach Board kicks off its Harvest Festival. Bring your favorite strawberry treat or try one from: <http://www.cookinglight.com/food/in-season/healthy-strawberry-recipes/view-all>. Thanks for your participation and feel free to contact any board member for more information.



**Avah Lilia DaRosa Rechhotlz**

June 17, 2014



To the Family and Friends of:

**Arlanne MacDonald Snodgrass**

**Joy Lymburner VanBrunt**

## Congratulations

**Dr. Charlie Hendricks was named Maine Hospital Association Caregiver of the Year.** This award is given to an individual who "on a daily basis demonstrates extraordinary commitment to the delivery of care to patients and their families." His commitment to patients includes tireless service including after hours and weekends to provide timely, needed care for patients. Arthur Blank, MDI Hospital CEO, notes that Dr. Hendricks "exemplifies MDI Hospital's core values of compassion, community, improvement, integrity, respect and teamwork."

Other than his dedicated care for patients as MDI Hospital's chief of surgery, "his lifetime commitment to service is most evident in his work with the Hancock County Medical Mission, a group he helped establish in 1989. Every year since, he has returned to South America to provide surgical services to disadvantaged and under-served populations."

**Maggie Painter**, an MDI High School senior, "has been chosen by Acadia Friends Meeting (Quakers) as this year's recipient of the group's **Peace Award.**"

"The award is presented annually to a member of the graduating class who promotes peaceful resolution of conflicts in the school and community...or involvement in national or international efforts to promote understanding and peace."

Source of above articles: *Mount Desert Islander*

## Short Reads

"Prayer is not a spare wheel that you pull out when in trouble; it is a steering wheel that directs us in the right path throughout life."

—Anonymous

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

-Aesop



## Report on the June 8 church cleanup

We had a small but mighty group of volunteers. Two of our coffee hosts went right from that clean up to weeding and hauling. Wow! The basement window wells had their heavy wooden water shields removed and were cleared of debris.

The driveway was swept, snapdragons, calendulas and pinks were planted, the front bed was weeded and dead wood was pruned from some of the trees. Inside, the downstairs refrigerator was washed down and the counters cleaned.

And since Sunday, 6 yards of enriching mulch has been added to the flower-planted beds.

Volunteer on your own schedule...help is still needed!

- A) Warm, patient, volunteer(s) needed for a **cool job**-- defrosting the small freezer inside the church parlor's refrigerator.
- B) There are always a few **weeds to be plucked** as you walk by, at your convenience.
- C) **Our plants need water!** The weather has been very hot and dry, so a lightweight plastic watering can is on the coat rack by the office area outside door. If you have a spare 20 minutes to fill it and water the flowers around that entrance and under the office windows facing the village green, the plants will be very grateful!! Help yourself to either the parlor sink or the outdoor faucet on the backside of the parlor to fill the watering can.
- D) Any **enriching mulch** (natural color) that you can donate will help give our plantings a better chance to thrive in our poor soil.

Deb Wade

## MEMBERSHIP CLASS FOR NEW MEMBERS

A New Member class will be offered to anyone interested in becoming a member of the church, either Parish Member or Covenant Member. Also, the class is intended for current Parish Members who wish to become Covenant Members. The advantage to this is that you would be eligible to vote in the congregational meeting to accept a new minister when that time comes. The class will be for one session and run for about an hour, led by Rev. Keith. The class will be offered three separate times to accommodate everyone's schedule. The dates are July 1 at 7:00 pm, July 6 (Sunday) at 11:30 and July 13 (Sunday) at 11:30 after worship. You need attend only one of those sessions. Please see Pastor Keith if interested.

## Pilgrim Lodge Needs Your Help

The camp's sights and sounds continue to make special memories. You can still hear more than tramping feet on the boardwalk: snatches of song, laughter, and excited wonder. The chapel overlooking Lake Cobbosseecontee still connects campers to nature, new friends, and God's love. The Labyrinth still leads campers into quiet and mystery, the dining hall leads to spirited table graces and discussion, and the Lodge to games of discovery.

But 57 years of heavy wear and tear by thousands of happy campers is now showing all around the camp:

- Many of the buildings are set on crumbling foundations
- The 1930's era Main Lodge's floors have become so thin that they cannot be sanded down again
- The kitchen is woefully outdated
- Sections of the septic and water systems must be replaced and brought up to code

Beyond repairs, improvements are needed:

- Accessible lift and ramp systems to the Labyrinth, Chapel and Waterfront
- A new building, "Hillside", which will include a camper drop-off area, a modern kitchen and a dining hall to seat and serve 200
- The existing Lodge will be undergirded and re-floored to provide safe, flexible program space
- An amphitheater overlooking the lake for morning start-ups and all camp meetings will be set into the naturally curved rise between the office and the new dining hall.

The total cost of the projects is estimated at \$2,000,000. Here's how we plan to reach the goal:

- \$750,000 lead gift from the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ. (Important news update! The Conference lead gift has allowed work to begin. The new boardwalk is already finished!)
- \$250,000 from churches in pledges over five years
- \$1,000,000 from individuals in pledges over five years

Here's where you come in!

Checks can be made out to:

**Maine Conference, U.C.C. with memo line "PL Cap Campaign" and mailed to:**

**Campaign for Pilgrim Lodge  
Maine Conference, U.C.C.  
1 Weston Court, Suite 104  
Augusta, ME 04330**

Source: [pilgrimlodge.org](http://pilgrimlodge.org)

## Eyes of the Heart Enlightened

***"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you." From Ephesians 1:15-23***

When our children were young, dinnertime was always something a circus. Feats of wonder were performed. For instance, when our son was a toddler he liked to throw toast over his shoulder and never once did it land jelly-side up. Adult conversations were often left suspended in mid-air. See a little girl take the tiniest bite of a vegetable in history! And who needs clown make-up when there is enough spaghetti sauce to go around?

After one long winter weekend, our young family assembled for dinner. It included the usual spirited performances, but I was not amused. Not in the slightest. I was quick to volunteer to clear the table, a precious opportunity for a moment of quiet. When I left, I closed the French doors that separated the dining room from the rest of the house.

As I headed back I paused, not out of dread, but from something much more compelling. Through the French doors I could see my family. My wife, Karen, was leaning forward, her eyes with a sparkle that was only slightly muted through fatigue. Our son, Todd, was throwing his hands in the air and making indistinguishable noises like a worshiper at a revival meeting. Our daughter, Alanna, was sitting back and giggling, her eyes darting between her mother and brother.

It was the same rowdy circus, but peering through the panes of the door, I was no longer annoyed. Instead, I felt embraced by the scene. It was something of a revelation. I was able to see my life and those I love with what Paul called "the eyes of the heart enlightened."

### Prayer

God, give me "the eyes of the heart enlightened" so that I might see this world—and you—afresh and so I might have renewed appreciation for the wonder of it all. Amen.

### About the Author

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Source: [UCC.org](http://UCC.org)

# Color your castle



Summer is the perfect time to build a sand castle, whether in a sandbox or on the beach. Use this fun idea to add color to your creation.

### What you need:

- Empty spray bottles
- 1 cup water per bottle
- 4 Tablespoons cornstarch per bottle
- Food coloring

### What you do:

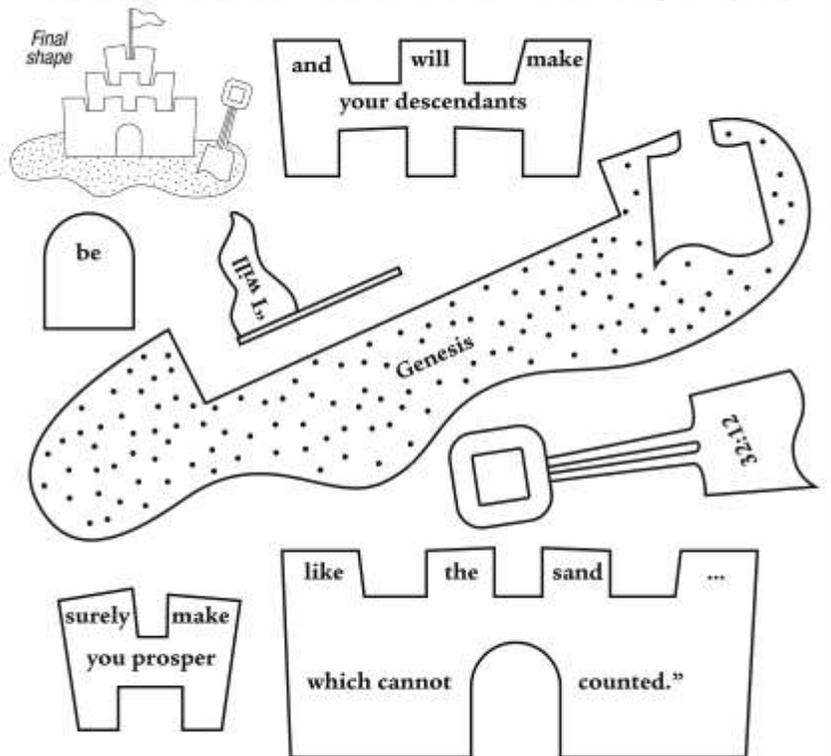
1. Remove the lid from each bottle and pour in the water and cornstarch.
2. Replace the lid and shake the bottle to dissolve the cornstarch completely.
3. Add drops of food coloring to achieve the desired color.
4. After building a sand castle, spray it with your colorful mixtures.



## A promise kept

In Genesis 32:12 (NIV), Jacob remembers a promise God made about his family. We, too, can be part of that promise. God always keeps his promises.

**Directions:** "Build" a sand castle using the shapes below. Cut out and assemble the shapes to complete God's promise. (Use the "final shape" image as a guide.)



Answer: "I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand ... which cannot be counted." Genesis 32:12, NIV



## Birthdays this Month

3 Mary Cunningham  
8 Jennifer Moulton Stonehouse  
9 Rick Starbird  
9 John Kelly  
9 Ezra O'Connor  
10 Rachael McMinimy  
11 Joan Clement  
12 Henry W. Brown  
13 Judy Roberts  
14 Beverly Blaisdell  
14 Kay Young  
14 Donald Dyer  
15 Nicholas MacCulloch  
15 Charlotte Skiff  
15 Robert Collier  
15 Rachel Krautwald  
16 Maria Lopez Patterson  
17 Connie Shea  
25 Earl Brechlin  
25 James Lambert  
25 Jesse Olson  
25 Marie Coffron  
31 Marianne DiMauro



## Sunday Worship Contributors

**Head Deacon** – Kathy MacCulloch

### Liturgists-

6  
13 Wendy Fehlauer  
20  
27

### Flowers –

6 Deborah Dyer  
13 Yvonne Tabb  
20 Crystal Dow  
27 Richard Snodgrass

### Coffee Hosts -

6 Strawberry Festival  
13  
20  
27

### Lectionary -

**6** Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67  
Psalm 45:10-17  
Romans 7:15-25a  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**13** Genesis 25:19-34  
Psalm 119:105-112  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**20** Genesis 28:10-19a  
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24  
Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**27** Genesis 29:15-28  
Psalm 105:1-11  
Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33

# JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
		1 <i>B.H. Music Festival – 8:00 PM</i>	2	3	4	5 <i>B.H. Music Festival – 8:00 PM</i>
6 Worship Service 10:00 AM <i>Strawberry Festival</i>	7	8 <i>B.H. Music Festival – 5:30 PM</i>	9 <i>B.H. Music Festival – 8:00 PM</i>	10	11	12 <i>B.H. Music Festival (Young Audience concert)– 11:00 AM</i>
13 Worship Service 10:00 AM  <i>B.H. Music Festival – 8:00 PM</i>	14	15  C.E. Board 7:00 PM	16  Deacons 7:00 PM	17  Finance Committee 12:00	18  <i>B.H. Music Festival – 8:00 PM</i>	19
20 Worship Service 10:00 AM	21	22	23  Council 7:00 PM	24	25  <i>B.H. Music Festival – 8:00 PM</i>	26
27 Worship Service 10:00 AM	28	29	30	31		

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### Special dates:

- Canada Day, *July 1, 2014*
- U.S. Independence Day, *July 4, 2014*

## A prayer for July 4

Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly praise you for the nation in which you have allowed us to live. We cherish its wonder and its beauty. We are thankful for its fruitful lands, its bountiful waters, its great resources and its unlimited opportunities.

We thank you for our founding fathers and mothers, and for their foresight, special wisdom, and steadfast courage in establishing freedom and a lasting document of fairness.

Stir up within each of us the will to be good stewards of all the blessings of the land we love. Amen.

## America's powerful document

One of the few remaining copies of the Declaration of Independence was put on display last October in Phoenix. A reporter for The Arizona Republic asked 11 citizens why the document was still relevant today. Here is a summary of their comments:

"It is like a Bible that has been in the family for generations."

"It is one of the world's most precious documents."

"It is a living breathing document with basic values underlying it."

"It began with some rabble-rousers who believed we should be free, that we should be able to choose our own destiny."

"The document is very much alive. It's organic. It is not archival material. It's real."

"I think the overwhelming message of the declaration is that it's okay to disagree with the government."

A pastor, Dr. William H. Stewart Sr., of the First Institutional Baptist Church, summarized the general consensus with these words: "It is one of the greatest documents that has ever been written about people seeking freedom from an oppressive power."

While political and personal freedoms are not the equivalent of spiritual freedom in Christ, they are blessings that should be available to all. Jesus, after all, identified himself as one coming to "proclaim release to the captives" (Luke 4:18).