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THE CALL TO A SPECIAL MEETING

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Pursuant to the By-Laws (Article VI, Sec. 4 and 5) the Call to a Special Meeting of Bar Harbor Congregational Church, UCC is herewith issued, said meeting is to convene at 11:00 a.m., Sunday, August 3, 2014.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is: The PSTT Pastoral Search Report, and a discussion and vote on a full-time pastor to lead us in worshipping God, loving each other and sharing that love with others in our community and beyond.

This call is issued by the Pastoral Search and Transition Team:
Christopher Beals, Donna Beals, Mike Bonsey, Betty Bryer, Mimi Dickson, Cindy Fox, Debby Hammond, Scott Hammond, Doug McMinimy, Estelle Megquier, Lindsay Shopland and Kathy Woodside

Donna Beals, Co-Chair PSTT

Cynthia Fox, Co-Chair PSTT

ATTEST:

Judith W. Fuller, Acting Clerk

From the Interim Pastor

We finally did it! Recently Pam and I made an appointment with an attorney to discuss and then update our wills. In the process, under the skillful guidance of the attorney, we also made out a healthcare power of attorney, a financial power of attorney, and living wills for each of us. It was something we had been putting off since moving to Maine, something we would do "when we get around to it." (I once knew a pastor who handed out "A Round Tuit", shaped like a coin, whenever a member of his flock said they would do something when they got around to it).

Some people have the idea that planning for the end of life can be a morbid or depressing experience. After all, one is confronting his/her mortality head-on. You are admitting to yourself "one of these days I'm going to die." We rarely want to think or talk about it. On the contrary, I found that communicating these choices can be a liberating, life-affirming experience for everyone involved instead of a morbid or morose one.

Our Christian tradition teaches us that we are not solitary, autonomous individuals walking through the valley of the shadow alone. We are meant to live in covenant, in loving community with others. If we forthrightly communicate our explicit health-care choices to spouses, partners, parents, children and grandchildren, they can honor our choices if

we can't speak for ourselves. It is a win-win situation that decreases guilt and stress for everyone involved.

Some Christians believe that they must do everything possible to extend life at any cost, to bear any suffering while waiting for God to decide when life is over. Other Christians believe no heroic measures are needed to prolong life and that the only appropriate medical intervention at the end of life is that which would alleviate suffering. Where do you stand on this spectrum? Your answer will have a significant impact on how much and what kinds of health-care treatments you want. The decision usually boils down between quality and quantity of life. Today we have medical technology options that have never been available before this age.

Asking questions like "What will be gained? What will be the cost? To what end are we pursuing this medical treatment?" helps us to articulate our faith and values. Where do you stand on the continuum between quality and quantity of life?

Whatever your answer, keep in mind we do not travel this journey alone. Sharing our hopes and fears, joys and concerns, love and forgiveness at the end of life with those closest to us is a remarkable, intimate act of courage and a spiritual gift to ourselves and others.

Rev. Keith Bowie



Yesterday, July 13, the PSTT conducted our last neutral pulpit. After the church service, we met in a small basement room and, when the last questions had been asked and the candidate left, we stood up, held hands, prayed for guidance, took a deep breath, and cast our vote, one-by-one, around the table. We were down to two choices. Which one would make the best pastor for our congregation? If we didn't agree, we would meet Tuesday and work it out.

Around the table we went, and each person spoke the same name. It was unanimous.....UNANIMOUS! The feeling that swept over us was a joyous mixture of amazement, relief, gratitude and love.

There is still much to be done, and we are working to do it as quickly as possible so that we can share our joy with each of you. By the time you read this, the silence will be over and we will be eager and free (at last) to talk!

Perhaps, during the past 18 months, you have questioned the way the UCC has its churches select a new pastor. Compared to some denominations, it takes so much time, time when most of the congregation has to wait patiently and trust the process. Some might even call it a waste of time. But it is not. It

has been a rich interval when we have learned much about each other and about our church. You can see it in committee and board meetings. We are all questioning the way we do things and how we can make things less complicated, more inclusive. and, above all, more Christ-like.

We have learned that being an inclusive church means that we must love EVERYONE, including those whose beliefs are not a carbon copy of our own. In that tiny basement room, holding hands with each other and wrapped in your good prayers, we saw a vision of our future.

This is our last report to you, but it is not the end; it is a new beginning, a fresh start, another chance for each and every one of us to join hands and work to become the church God wants us to be. Whether you came to church last week or a year ago, come back. Come back. Come, meet our new pastor and see how God has blessed us.

From your PSTT

Chris Beals, Donna Beals, Mike Bonsey, Betty Bryer, Mimi Dickson, Cindy Fox, Debby Hammond, Scott Hammond, Doug McMinimy, Estelle Megquier, Lindsay Shopland, Kathy Woodside

The Pastoral Search and Transition Team has completed its work and will recommend the congregation call their selection at a congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, August 3. The name and biographical information of their candidate will be provided to the congregation before August 3 after contract negotiations are complete. A Meet and Greet Potluck to become acquainted with the candidate will be held on Saturday, August 2 at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall.



We welcome the following new covenant members into the life and fellowship of this church:

**John and Wendy Fehlauer,
Sarah Nevells,
Bradley Stager,
Charles and Laura Hendricks,
Heather Kelly, and
Sue Turner and Karl Karnaky.**

What is faith?

"Sight is not faith, and hearing is not faith, neither is feeling faith; but believing when we neither see, hear nor feel is faith; and everywhere the Bible tells us our salvation is to be by faith. Therefore we must believe before we feel, and often against our feelings, if we would honor God by our faith."
—Hannah Whitall Smith

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By Grace Through Faith

Ephesians 2: 4-10

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

Happy Sunshine Cupcakes

Psalm 144:15 says, "Blessed [or happy] are the people whose God is the LORD." Make these bright cupcakes to remember all the ways God makes you happy.



What you need:

- Adult help
- Cake mix
- Cupcake liners
- White frosting
- Yellow food coloring
- Black frosting or tube gel
- Candy corn

What you do:

1. Make cupcakes by following directions on the box. Let them cool completely.
2. Stir yellow food coloring into white frosting, making it as yellow as the sun. Frost the cupcakes.
3. Using black frosting, make a happy face on each cupcake.
4. Around each cupcake, place candy corn with points out to resemble sun rays. Enjoy!

PUZZLE

BE HAPPY

In Matthew 5:3-10, Jesus begins his teaching with the Beatitudes. They give us many reasons to be happy. The Greek word for blessed, *makarios*, also means happy!

Directions: Complete the Beatitudes by matching the blanks in each "Happy" phrase on the left with the bold word(s) on the right.

1. "Happy are the **POOR**
IN SPIRIT

hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

2. "Happy are those who _____

pure in heart, for they will see God."

3. "Happy are the _____

peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God."

4. "Happy are those who _____

persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

5. "Happy are the _____

poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

6. "Happy are the _____

merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

7. "Happy are the _____

meek, for they will inherit the earth."

8. "Happy are those who are _____

mourn, for they will be comforted."



Birthdays this Month

- 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 L'Heureaux
- 27 Gail Preston
- 27 Jennifer Booher
- 28 Billie Mitchell
- 29 Norman Moulton
- 30 Laurie Wellman



Sunday Worship Contributors

Head Deacon – Debbie Hammond
Assistant Deacon – Cindy Fox

The Deacons Need Your Help!
Coffee Hour hosts and liturgists are needed!

Please sign up and share the joy!

Flowers –

- 3:** Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown
- 10:** Barbara MacQuinn and family
- 17:** Charles and Patty Benore
- 24:** Ruth and Ben Blaney
- 31:** Kathy MacLeod

Lectionary -

- 3** Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21
- 10** Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33
- 17** Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:10-28
- 24** Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20
- 31** Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
					1	2 <i>Church Potluck Supper to meet Pastoral Candidate</i> 6:00 PM
3 Worship Service 10:00 AM <i>Special Congregational Meeting to vote on Pastoral Candidate</i> After worship	4 B.H. Town Band rain location 8:00	5	6 B.H. Chamber of Commerce event rain location 5:00 PM	7 B.H. Town Band rain location 8:00	8	9
10 Worship Service 10:00 AM	11 B.H. Town Band rain location 8:00	12	13 B.H. Cham. of Comm. event rain location 5:00 PM	14	15	16
17 Worship Service 10:00 AM <i>Blueberry Festival</i>	18	19	20 B.H. Cham. of Comm. event rain location 5:00 PM	21	22	23
24/31 Worship Service 10:00 AM	25	26	27 B.H. C of C event rain location 5:00 PM Council 7:00 PM	28	29	30

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The memorial rock

In a sermon, Baltimore pastor John Schmidt told of an experience from more than 30 years ago. While he was walking through the French Quarter in New Orleans, two men asked him for a handout. He offered to go buy them some food if they were hungry.

The men agreed they needed food, so the three of them walked to a grocery store. Schmidt bought bread, bologna, mustard and milk. When he gave the food to the men, one had tears in his eyes.

Reaching into a pocket, that man brought out a pretty rock. "Look," he said, "I have nothing to give you for doing this. But I've been carrying around this beautiful rock, and I want you to have it."

From the pulpit, Schmidt then held up the rock to show the congregation. He'd kept it for three decades as a reminder of the men and their gratitude for his kindness.

"I have to be concerned about the people around me," Schmidt said. "Even if they look like they aren't being responsible with their lives, I'm called to love them because God loves them."

Second chance

Someone once asked the great British leader, Winston Churchill, how he had the persistence to lead his country so nobly against Hitler, especially when everything seemed somewhat hopeless. He said that he remembered the time he had to repeat a grade in elementary school.

Puzzled, his questioner asked, "Do you mean that you failed a year in grade school?"

Churchill replied with humorous candor, "I never failed anything in my life. I was given a second opportunity."

As Christians, we have a second opportunity by attaching ourselves to Christ the Lord. "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4, NRSV).