

In mid-June Adam Hamilton, pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City, was attending a meeting in Washington, D.C. He was in the middle of a sermon series on the four Toy Story movies but hadn't yet seen the fourth movie. So, he went to a theater in D.C. to see Toy Story 4 and struck up a conversation with a man in line next to him. This man wasn't a churchgoer, but upon hearing what Hamilton was doing exclaimed, "I'd like to go to a church like that! Where is your church?" Hamilton had to explain that his church was in Kansas City though the man could watch online. Hamilton's story made me think how often we assume that what those of us already in the church need or want will match that of those not in this or any church. One of the primary purposes of the June sermon series was to educate

ourselves about some of the reasons why people don't attend religious services or aren't active in a faith community. In worship we have explored reasons like we are not good enough (God can use anyone), there is no place for a person who likes to learn, to question or study science (there is a place), that a person can only have certain politics to be a "good" Christian (Jesus ways aren't partisan), that the church is only full of judgmental hypocrites (how we handle our own blind spots is important) and that priorities have changed with the generations (how will the church respond?). There are many other excellent studies that expand on these and other reasons. In addition to an internet search, I encourage looking at the quality work done by the Pew Research Center (pewresearch.org) and the Barna Group (barna.com). Here is a sampling of some other results:

From "5 Reasons People Have Stopped Attending Your Church (especially millennials)"

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| The church is irrelevant | Legitimate doubt is prohibited |
| The leaders are hypocritical | They're not learning about God |
| Leaders have experienced too much moral failure | They're not finding community |
| God is missing in the church | |

Source: Carey Nieuwhof's blog based on a study from Barna Research Group

From "Top Reasons Young People Drop Out of Church."

- I moved to college and stopped attending church.
- Church members seemed judgmental or hypocritical.
- I don't feel connected to people in my church.
- I disagreed with the church's stance on political/social issues.
- My work responsibilities prevented me from attending.

Source: Lifeway Research in Christianity Today

From "Millennials Leaving Church in Drove" by Daniel Burke

- Since the early 1900s, each generation is less religious than the one before (we aren't transmitting the faith well to successive generations).
- Significant growth in the past decade is only in the religiously unaffiliated ("nones")
- Fewer people in churches means it is more socially acceptable to not be religiously affiliated.
- People delaying marriage (which correlates with attendance) and having fewer children.
- People bored with church and tired of endless debates on sexual morality while not addressing many issues in the world today.

Source: CNN report of a Pew Research Center study

Other articles address topics such as people not finding a preferred type of worship / preaching / denomination, people not having the time to attend services, people not having faith, people practicing faith in other ways, people with health concerns, people not feeling welcomed and churches more concerned with survival or money than with being in ministry with people. What is your experience? Where do you see opportunities to better connect with people in the community? Most importantly, to what do you sense God is calling us as Christians and as a church to be about in the coming months and years? I would be interested in your own reflections.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Tim



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Greetings from the Church Office!

If you are aware of someone from our Church family being hospitalized, please call the Church Office so I can pass on the information to Rev. Tim.

For any committee/group who is sponsoring an event that should be posted on the outside sign, it would be very helpful if you would provide the wording and the dates you want the message posted.

Please help me by meeting deadlines for submitting things for the Newsletter. It is difficult to "pull it all together" at the last minute and create a quality product. For July, that deadline is Thursday, July 25th at 10:00am!

Until next month.....

Bobbi Pelletier
Church Secretary



June Prayer Joys and Concerns

Prayer Concerns: Debbie & Lu Sharp, Reta Haley, Darlene Nelder, Sheila Belyea, Emily Stuart, Robin Stuart, James Stuart, Phyllis Sykes, Janie Lidey, Keith Drew, Glen Tagget, Dave & Marcia DeMerchant, Richard Clark, Erika Carlson, Danny Haines, JoJo & Carter Strother, Martha Dunn, Kathleen Forbes, Adam Langworthy, DeDe Nichols & Rob Wright, Leona Michaud

On Family Death: Family of Florence Gallagher; Family of Ron Carson; Family of Jeanne Sleeper; Family of Sonja Labbe

Other: Prayers for safe travel to Cape Cod for Debbie Barnes, Al & Sylvia Akeley; Del Ramey (safe travels to Iceland!)

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PROVIDE A MAILING ADDRESS FOR PEOPLE OR FAMILIES YOU PUT ON THE PRAYER LIST SO WE CAN SEND THEM A NOTE FROM REV. TIM. WE OFTEN HEAR FROM RECIPIENTS ON HOW TOUCHED THEY ARE THAT WE OFFERED PRAYERS FOR THEM!

REMINDERS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LITURGIST</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>COUNTER</u>	<u>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP</u>
Jul 7	Mary Lou Brown	Brenda Curtis & Mary Anderson	Shirley Bowman	Education Committee
Jul 14	Richard Clark	Joelene Boucher & Ruthann Weeks	Elsie Doody	Missions & Evangelism
Jul 21	Margaret Cyr	Roberta & Conrad Walton	Elsie Doody	SPRC
Jul 28	Kathleen Forbes	Debbie Nichols & Romeo Bouchard	Elsie Doody	Worship Committee

July Usher Coordinator: Debbie Barnes

July Communion Stewardess: Joelene Boucher

Organist/Pianist: Jul 7-Margaret Cyr; Jul 14-Mary Lou Brown; Jul 21-Gretchen Brissette; Jul 28-Gretchen Brissette

Acolytes: July 7-Friedrich Wilcox & Althea Wilcox

Child Care Volunteers: Jul 7-Diane Fitzpatrick; Jul 14-Duska Franklin; Jul 21-Meagan Irving; Jul 28-Roberta Walton

Each individual or committee is responsible to make arrangements for changes to these various calendars.

Please contact the church office if any changes to these lists are made so the weekly bulletins are correct!

* * July Birthdays & Anniversaries * *

Birthdays and Anniversaries are celebrated on the first Sunday during Coffee Fellowship.

Remember your birthday & anniversary by making a special offering!



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| 1 | Dawn Powell, Robert White | 17 | Nicole Cyr, Shawn Frost, Neal Genz, Deanna Whitmore |
| 2 | Marilyn Langley, Tyra Sterner | 18 | Hugh Kirkpatrick, Emily Soderberg |
| 3 | Tracey Nichols | 19 | Marcia DeMerchant, Ginger Kieffer, Sarah McBreairty |
| 4 | Friedrich Wilcox | 20 | Robert Cyr |
| 5 | Madison Jandreau, Anna Roberts, Skip Walters | 21 | Deborah McPherson |
| 6 | Christopher Belyea | 26 | Mary Anderson |
| 9 | Jillian Langworthy, Garrick Milton | 27 | Susan Clark, Phil McDonough |
| 13 | Kaitlin Alden, Bruce Fitzpatrick, Norma Thompson | 29 | Mena Irving |
| 14 | William Barnum, Robert Irving, Norma Milton | 30 | Pearl Cole, Cindy Morrow |
| 15 | Duska Adams, Sue White | | |
| 16 | Jessica Michaud | | |



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| 1 | Phyllis Anderson & Dan DaCosta | 15 | Denise & Dale Levesque, Tim & Tamara Wilcox |
| 3 | Christopher & April Belyea; Peter & Ioana Bentum | 23 | Greg & Betheny Anderson, Dale & Barb Dee |
| 5 | Skip & Cathy Walters | 29 | Chad & April Stallings |
| 9 | Lydia & Matthew Till | 30 | Kathie & Kent Forbes |
| 10 | Peter & Marjie Edgecomb; Robert & Karen White | | |
| 13 | Hannah & Nathan Wells | | |

If your name or the name of someone in the Gray Memorial Family does not appear on this list and you would like to add it, please contact the church office, 498-2103.

Corrections are ALWAYS appreciated!!! If you know someone whose last name has changed, please let Bobbi know so she can update the database.



STEWARDSHIP/
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Worship Attendance and General Fund Offerings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Operating Fund Offering</u>
June 2	62	\$1,881.00
June 9	80	\$4,538.70
June 16	76	\$1,775.05
June 23	66	\$2,632.00
June 30 (will report in next month's Newsletter		

Needed to meet 2019 Budget: \$4,246.45 weekly

Capital Account Seed Money (CASM):

We continue to receive donations for the "Capital Account Seed Money" account each month. As of June 23rd, the balance in the CASM account is \$44,243.43. Of that amount, the "furnace replacement donations" total \$32,828.00. All donations made for the "Furnace Replacement" will be held in this account until needed.

Photo Directory Changes (July 2019 changes):

Branscom, Michelle: change to email address - michelle.branscom@gmail.com

Dobson, Pat: change to email address - mamapat04736@gmail.com

Nichols, Peggy & Tracey: land line disconnected; cell phone only - 551-4865



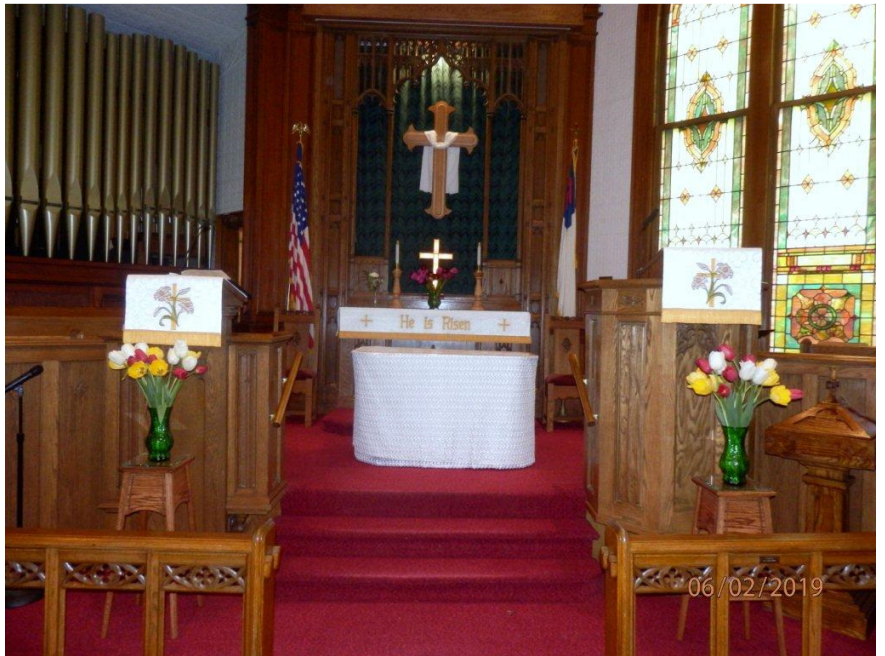
July 14 – Kathleen Forbes & Josselyn Langworthy

July 21 – Steve Boody

July 28 – Friedrich & Alden Wilcox

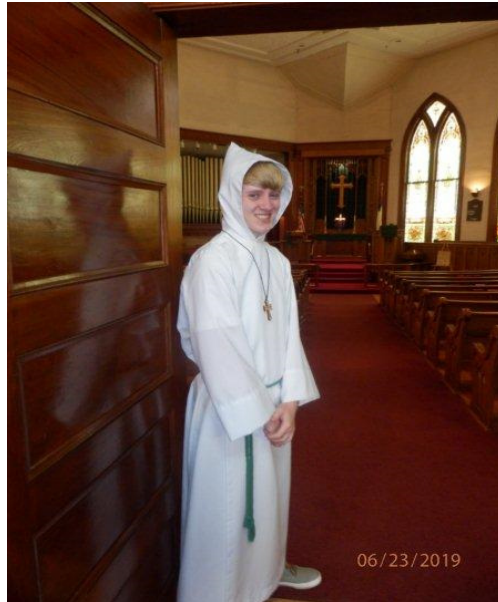
August 11 – The Wilcox Family Ringers

Pictures from Our Worship Services!!
(photos by Dale Sharp, unless otherwise noted)



June 2 - Rose on the altar in memory of Lindsey Ann McLauchlan

June 2 - Communion Sunday; beautiful flowers from Del Ramey!



June 23 - Greeters were Tamara Wilcox and Alden Wilcox (some people thought, with the robe, he looked like he belonged in a convent but people in a convent usually had head coverings, so he did something about it!)



June 23 - Friedrich Wilcox, Trustees Judi Greenier & Tamara Wilcox, along with Jean Cashman, announced the new Stephen L. Cashman Memorial Fund

Note: Jean Cashman presented a gift to Friedrich Wilcox on behalf of Steve Cashman.



Dezarai St. Peter, Christopher Cashman and Jean Cashman during dedication of Stephen L. Cashman Memorial Fund

Other Kodak Moments!



June 2 - Special Cake during Coffee Fellowship



June 9 - Special Cake for our graduating Seniors (Friedrich Wilcox & Darrell Adams)



June 23-"Jesus Loves Us" Cake from Mary Lou Brown



Leila Robertson at her 98th Birthday Party! (her birthday was June 10th)



Would you like to receive the weekly email newsletter summarizing events at worship and upcoming events? Also, special bulletins, notices of changes of events, etc.? Send an email to the church office or call 498-2103 so we can add you to the email list!

You can now make a contribution to our church through a mobile app!

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You can also choose to donate as a guest or set up an account that allows you to securely and conveniently schedule recurring donations and manage and review your giving history.

We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry, and thank you for your support!



CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
5-23-19

Attendees: Judi Greenier (Acting Chair), Claire Hodgkins, Debbie Barnes, Kathleen Forbes, Rev. Tim Wilcox, Tamara Wilcox, Bobbi Pelletier, and Roy Alden.

The meeting was called to order around 6:45 PM in the church kitchen. Judi Greenier led the meeting until Roy Alden could get here from his other responsibilities with Track and Field. Rev. Tim said a brief prayer and we all were asked if we wanted to contribute observations to "celebrate our church in the last month". Rev. Tim was excited to report the transformations he has seen in the participants of the "Companions in Christ" class. Bobbi Pelletier is excited about getting our technology upgrades in the Library. We are excited about getting the sprinkler system repaired. Claire was moved by Pastor Victor Han's witness to his transformation leading to his ministry. We also learned that Jean Cashman intends to establish the Stephen Cashman Memorial Fund, the interest of which will benefit the Trustees.

Next, Judi called for the following Committee Reports. Claire stated that she wishes more Chairs would attend meetings or at least submit reports. Some Committees are not reporting at all.

Cluster:

Social Action Award - Retiring/New Plan to be discussed

It was discussed previously that it is probably time to retire the Social Action Award. Ellen could not be present but offered to work with a couple of others to develop something new around Discipleship. Marge Yeager & Sue Brown offered to help. Whatever is done will be part of the Thanksgiving Service to be held on November 24, 2019 at 4:00pm.

Akeley Scholarship

Josselyn spoke with Debbie Barnes who shared that there will be no Akeley Scholarship awarded this year.

Pulpit Exchange

Those responding that they would be able to participate in a pulpit exchange were: Cheryl, Tim, Victor, John and Ellen. The following resulted from pulling locations from a basket: Cheryl – Washburn 9:00, Victor – Caribou 10:00, Tim – Limestone 10:30, Ellen – Mapleton 10:30?, John – Houlton 10:30.

Celebrating Families

Cheryl is awaiting word on the submitted Grant Application.

Cluster Mission Project – St. Apollonia Festival of Trees – Dec 6, 7, 8, 2019

Several possible themes were suggested for our tree this year: Lego's, children's arts/crafts, children's books, children's games, Under the Sea (fish! shells! mermaids?), flower power (including bees and butterflies). We decided on Children's Arts and Crafts! Cheryl will take the lead on this project. Marge thinks she has a tree we can use for this project.

Cluster Lenten Service

The service of music was well received with representation from most churches. The attendance was 121. Thanks to Mars Hill UMC for hosting. We discussed having the Thanksgiving Service be largely a service of music along with whatever is decided to replace the Social Action Award (see above).

Blue Christmas Service

We will discuss place/date/time for a Blue Christmas service at our September meeting. Tim will reach out to the medical community, hospice, and funeral directors to discuss possible partnerships.

United Parish in Fort Fairfield is working on accepting the duties of the local food pantry as a ministry of the church. If persons or churches would like to provide assistance, please contact Garth Kinney-Lombard at 207-554-9193 or email at

gkinn10@gs.nmcc.edu. Marge will be in touch with Garth. (Marge is the program manager at Aroostook Area Agency on Aging)

Grateful thanks to Victor for setting up and hosting the successful Brad Roth event in Houlton. It was well-attended and extremely well hosted! We should consider holding another event in our area!

Bill suggested we think about possibly participating in some manner in the National Prayer Day next year.

Cards were signed for Chris and Ruth. Their presence will be missed in our Cluster and we pray God's blessing be upon them and their families as they embark on whatever God has in store for them.

Church Activities:

Limestone UMC – May 9th @7pm, Women's study on prayer

May 11th 6:30-8:00pm, Game night

May 18th UMM sponsored free men's/boys breakfast

May 18th 5Renaissance Faire all day at school with "Feast" at the church 5:30-7:30

May 23rd Free lasagna supper 4:30-6:00pm

May 27th Free lunch 11:30am-12:30pm

June 1st Quilt show/bake sale 9am- 6pm, Chicken stew/ploys lunch 11am-1pm (\$5) and

Roast port supper 6pm-8pm (\$10)

Grant Memorial – May 18th at 10:30am UMW Friendship Tea.

Hodgdon UMC - May 31st Lend-a-Hand Supper, Spaghetti and Meatballs. Friday at 4:30-6:00

Mars Hill UMC – May 31st & June 1st UMW Yard Sale to be held at the Anderson home (two houses north of the church). All proceeds to support the mission work of the United Methodist Women.

Next meeting will be in September.

SPRC: SPRC met on Thursday, May 9th to develop interview questions for the newly revised Children and Youth/Sunday School Teacher positions. Friedrich and Alden Wilcox joined the committee on May 9th as they would be participating in the interviews. There were initially 3 candidates for the positions and one withdrew their application. Two potential candidates were interviewed on Sunday, May 19, 2019. The committee will discuss the results of the interviews and will determine if offers for employment will be extended to the applicants. SPRC will meet again on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 (location and time TBD).

UMM: The UMM met on April 27, 2019 with 8 members attending to hear our guest speaker Bethany Smith. Richard Clark opened our meeting with a prayer followed by another excellent breakfast prepared by Del Ramey and his crew. The Prelate's Message was given by Richard Clark. Beth gave an excellent program on Human Trafficking. The Secretary's report was accepted as presented. The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$881.62. Ken Peters reported that the attendance at the Easter Sunrise Service Breakfast was not well attended. They served 13 people including the crew and was \$19.00 short of expenses. Neal Genz, representing the GMUMC Nominating committee, asked the membership to consider the Head Usher position for the church. They are in need of a replacement. A discussion was had regarding the low attendance of members at the UMM meetings and Sunday Worship.

Missions & Evangelism Committee:

We have not met since April 14th, but updates on action items are as follows:

- 1) The bill for the Lent radio spots was received and paid - \$258.40.
- 2) The bill for the outdoor portable sign was received and paid.
- 3) A new Visitation Team was formed and met for the first time on Sunday, May 12th. Discussed purpose of the team and that we should all meet again to ensure we have the proper tools for each of us to use when we visit people. Additional meeting not scheduled as yet.

Worship Committee:

Last meeting was on May 5th. We discussed the April services and received feedback on each.

The May services and their various components were discussed:

- May 5 – Taize-style service with communion and lots of hymns; Althea, Friedrich and Margaret will play
- May 12 – Mother's Day; Diane Fitzpatrick will recruit some youth to help distribute the devotionals after Worship Service
- May 19 – Heritage Sunday; 3 new 50-year members will be honored, will send letters inviting them to Worship; Pulpit Exchange – Pastor Victor Han will be with us, Rev. Tim will be in Limestone
- May 26 – Memorial Sunday; Rev. Tim will preach on appropriate scripture
- Jun 2 – starts the 4-week sermon series "So You Think You Can't Be a Christian"
- Jun 9 – Graduation Sunday; two seniors – Darrell Adams and Friedrich Wilcox; Worship Committee and the Prayer Shawl Ministry will present them each with gifts
- Jun 16 – Peace w/Justice Sunday (special offering); Father's Day - Diane Fitzpatrick will supervise pick up of tokens for the men after Worship; last Sunday for Senior Choir this season; can we recognize the Handbell and Senior Choirs (small gifts)?; St. John Sunday – invite the Masons?

Memorials Committee met on May 12th and discussed purchasing the "Faith We Sing" CDs – this is their response: "The committee agreed that they are interested in revisiting this request if/when an accompanist is no longer available, instead of at this time. There were two reasons for this decision: (1) the 1st set of CDs is not being utilized yet, so many hymns can be sung using these, and (2) the committee felt that this service may be heading in a more digital format, i.e. streaming, in the near future. Most computers and cars are no longer sold with CD players built in. It was thought that when the church gets to needing these more regularly, then the type of media used will most likely have changed. The committee is sympathetic to the concern about a ready accompanist. They felt the 2nd set of hymns could quickly be purchased in the best format down the road in a very short timeframe, so having them on hand didn't seem necessary."

Worship Committee will discuss the use of the UMH CDs at their next meeting.

Upgrades to the library's computer for helping with scripture readings and other audio/visual components was completed on May 22nd. We should see a big improvement in providing these elements in future services.

We discussed paying this year's CCLI License - \$133.00 for the year; approved.

Sunday, May 26th – we will have a potluck Coffee Fellowship and then convene a Church Conference to decide on the Trustees request to use the Phil & Jean Turner trust money to replace the roofs on the church and parsonage.

New Visitation Team to visit people/families that we are missing. Team had first meeting on May 12th and will meet again soon to plan for their visits.

Finance & Stewardship: Tamara Wilcox reported regular offerings of \$13,983.75 for April. Easter added \$334.00 and the Italian supper added \$620.00. We also received \$25.00 for building use. There were reimbursements for \$4.00 bringing the total offering to the Operating Fund of \$14,962.75. Special Offering for church use added \$724.83. Special Funds not for church use included \$828.00 for Jeff Cyr Mission; \$400.00 for Caribou Ministerial Assoc.; and \$10.00 for the Ecumenical Food Pantry. The total offering came to \$16,929.58.

Bobbi Pelletier reported the following checkbook figures for April.

Beginning Balance	\$881.13
2019 Operating Income	14,962.75
Interest	5.63
Less EFT fee	(27.37) VANCO fees (EFT deposits)
Less Expenses	(14,623.71)
Ending Balance	\$1,198.43

The total for special funds in April came to \$1,059.90. \$25,000.00 invested with Thompson/Hamel LLC for the Memorial Garden on June 29, 2017 at a cost of \$1,073.78: as of April 30, 2019, on-line report shows an ending value \$25,953.82. The Capital Account Seed Money had a beginning balance of \$43,019.98, deposits of \$544.01 and no expenses. The ending balance was \$43,563.99. Most of this money is designated for the furnace fund.

Bobbi reported on the following expenditures.

Programs	\$504.67
Trustees	3,959.29
SPRC	9,365.06
Pastor Pension Benefit	794.69

We are now three months behind on Mission Shares. We owed Dead River \$3,040.22 for the church and \$392.65 for the Parsonage which Bobbi paid most of that balance out of the heating fund (Special Funds for Church Use). This amount includes propane.

Debbie brought up the possibility that the church could put on a bean supper in September to try and catch up on our debt. Perhaps other committees who have fund raisers might be persuaded to dedicate the earnings to the Operating Fund.

Debbie reviewed the Budget as follows:

April Target - \$73,605.09; Tithes & Offerings - \$56,224.50; Total Expenses - \$69,147.62;
Unpaid Expenses - **\$7,356.99**; April attendance average - 92; YTD attendance - 79.50.

The Finance and Stewardship Committee is working on selecting a Stewardship program.

Nomination Committee: There will be a church conference on June 23rd to ratify the slate presented by the Nominating Committee.

Trustees: Judi Greenier reported on the Board of Trustees Local Account Balances as of May 21st.

Organ Fund	\$825
Clock Fund	529
Steeple Fund	1,010
B.O.T. CD	10,322
B.O.T. Checking	131,477 (Judi announced that the Jean and Philip Turner money is now in the checking account.)

The Trustees discussed at length the issue of going ahead with plans to do both the church and parsonage roofs as it will be much cheaper. Trustee members will be presenting the plan on Sunday, May 26th at the Church meeting at 12:30 pm. There were three bids for the roofing project but one did not have insurance so the Trustees were left with two choices both of which had insurance. The Trustees voted to go with the lower of the two bids. All will be explained at the meeting so it is hoped many members of the congregation will attend. Rev. Chris Dare of Grant Memorial will officiate because the D.S. cannot make our meeting.

Other Business:

Roy Alden made some suggestions about making attempts to save money. Our biggest expense is the utilities. These were merely ideas thrown out to consider.

Bobbi announced there would be a Flag Folding Ceremony on Sunday, May 26th with Dean Rauch explaining the meaning of the 13 folds.

Judson Drake was applauded for his dedication and knowledge and his willingness to stay round the clock to see that the sprinkler project was done in a safe manner. The Council is very grateful to Jud.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8 PM. The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the church kitchen.

Respectfully submitted, Claire Hodgkins, Secretary



SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE
5-26-19

ATTENDEES: Elder Chris Dare (Grant Memorial United Methodist Church), Rev. Tim Wilcox, Claire Hodgkins, Richard Clark, Tamara Wilcox, Louis Greenier, Judi Greenier, Wendy Bossie, Del Ramey, Judson Drake, Robert Locke, Elsie Locke, Gwen Ellinwood, Joanne Smith, Mary Lou Brown, Doris Jeffery, Margaret Cyr, Margie Edgecomb, Melonie Carson, Debbie Pringnitz, Diane McDonough, Ruthann Weeks, Mary Anderson, Shirley Bowman, Susan Clark, Conrad Walton, Roberta Walton, Neal Genz, Roy E. Alden, Bobbi Pelletier, Friedrich Wilcox, Alden Wilcox, Diane Fitzpatrick, Alaina Pethick, Will Barnum, Kathleen Forbes, Josselyn Langworthy, Adam Langworthy, Debbie Barnes, Diana Rauch, Dean Rauch, Deborah Nichols, Mary Ouellette, Colleen Harmon, Romeo Bouchard, Bill Thomas, and Leland R. Frost.

A special church conference was called for 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall to consider one motion made by the Trustees and conducted by the outgoing pastor of Grant Memorial, Chris Dare. Rev. Tim Wilcox said a brief prayer from Romans, Chapter 8:28 to the end of the chapter to set the mood. Next Rev. Dare read the motion put forth by the Trustees which did not require a second. The motion was as follows:

“The Trustees of Gray Memorial United Methodist Church move that the congregation use the proceeds of the Phillip and Jean Turner Trust to finance the replacement of the church and parsonage roofs with the intention of replenishing the Turner funds with future fundraising.”

Richard read the prepared statement giving the background problems regarding leakage into the church overtime. It was discovered that it has been since the 80s that the church roof had been completely replaced. Shoddy work and inferior products over the years have been severely damaged by the wind and rain. After many meetings and discussions, as well as researching, the Trustees decided on a plan.

ROOFING PROJECT: The Trustees received eight bids ranging as high as \$184,000. The Trustees voted to accept a bid by A & M Construction (a local company) whose bid is \$126,604.00. This includes both the church and parsonage roofs, and correcting many of the mistakes of the past. There were lower bids but those companies did not carry enough insurance and it was decided that saving money on a lower bid might put us in jeopardy for the same problems as happened in the past that caused the problems we are now facing. The Trustees did not want any unnecessary risks with inadequate insurance or poor workmanship or substandard roofing materials. (See the Proposal statement in the office)

FUNDING PROPOSAL: After much consideration of the options such as available existing money, loans and capital campaigns, the Trustees recommend using the Turner Trust money with the intent on replenishing it with proceeds from various fund raising and even a capital campaign. A couple of the bidders are holding a slot open for a short time only. Any other choice would mean another winter and more damage, possibly even complete roof failure. The Trustees see no other choice. Judi Greenier announced that the Trustees had gotten the Trust money and it is sitting in their Checking account amounting to \$127,684.18. Kathleen Forbes asked if there were conditions on this money. There were three conditions: First - there should be \$50 a year to the Mapleton Cemetery for care of the Turner graves; Second - Keeping the Turner Scholarship going at Caribou High School, and Third - the Church Organ. Phil wanted trumpets installed. Judi stated that we got the money too late to award this year's scholarship, and our organ, which is a romance organ, cannot be fitted with trumpets. There are no other conditions. Trustees will award the scholarship next year.

DISCUSSION: Ruthann Weeks asked for more clarification on the insurance issue, and who would be warranting the project. Judson said that A & M would warrant the work for 3 years and the shingles were especially made for northern climates and the company who makes them warrants them for 50 years. Ruthann asked Judson if he was going to act as general contractor. He said that he was. Both Del Ramey and Debbie Nichols stated that they trusted Judson Drake because they respected his expertise and dedication to the project. Diane McDonough asked about the substandard job done about 14 years ago and the congregation learned that cheap shingles were put on with no regard to spacing and only a couple of shingle nails each. The wind could get under them and lift them up very easily. It was Roy Alden who mentioned that the complete roof replacement had not been done since the 80s. Mary Lou Brown stated that when Raymond Harmon died, money was set aside in a permanent fund with the interest of about \$10,000 to do some roofing repairs around 2002. Bobbi Pelletier ask Judson how long he expected the project to take. He answered that it would take about 6 weeks to complete both roofs.

After much discussion Pastor Chris Dare said it was time to move forward. Bill Thomas pointed out that this way we would not be paying interest on a loan unless we decide to add our own when we replace the funds in the Turner Trust. Roy Alden agreed but stated he felt we should form a committee and start planning for a Capital Campaign to put the money back in the Turner Trust.

At our last church conference in February we accepted the Turner Trust with the stipulation that the congregation would have to vote to use any of the principal money in the Turner Trust. We could use the interest without approval of the congregation. Today we are voting on the Trustee motion as stated above. The congregation voted 44 to approve, zero no votes, and 1 abstention.

There being no other business the congregation thanked Rev. Chris Dare for his part in our Church Conference.

Respectfully submitted by Claire Hodgkins, Council Secretary



CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
6-20-19

Attendees: Roy Alden (Chair), Claire Hodgkins, Judi Greenier, Rev. Tim Wilcox, Tamara Wilcox, Melonie Carlson, Debbie Barnes, Kathleen Forbes, and Judson Drake

The meeting took place in the Church kitchen at 6:30 pm and Roy Alden said a brief prayer for our guidance. Roy asked members what anyone might wish to celebrate things happening this past month of May. Judson Drake wanted to celebrate that the sprinkler project was complete and way under budget. Originally it was estimated to cost about \$38,000 dollars but by his extra flushing pipes nights and other actions the cost came in at \$24,858.80.

Rev. Tim was excited for the two presentations by Bethany Smith.

Judi Greenier later requested information on when the audit paper work would be returned as she needed certain parts of her to keep her records. She was informed that Craig Staples was doing the audit and it should be completed soon.

The following are the Committee reports that were submitted. Please, Chairs. It would be helpful if all Chairs could submit monthly reports on the Monday before our meeting, either to the church office or Claire at peterf@gwi.net, so Bobbi can send them around to save time and shorten our meetings. Also, the Congregation should be informed of the good things going on in your Committees. Where is our team spirit, people?

Finance & Stewardship: The May Income is as follows:

Regular Offerings	\$16,040.00
Other Sources	191.00
Reimbursements	14.00
Special Funds for Church Use	441.50
Special Funds NOT for Church Use	58.01
Total	\$16,744.51

Debbie Barnes remarked that the reason the total was as high as this was a special, one time gift.

The \$25,000.00 invested w/ Thompson/Hamel LLC, at an investment cost of \$1,073.78 as of May 31st, on-line report shows an end value of \$25,784.82.

Capital Account Seed Money Beginning Balance was \$43,563.99; Deposits of \$324.44, Current Balance \$43,888.43 of which \$32,828.00 is earmarked for the Furnace Fund.

Bobbi was able to pay 1 month on the Mission shares. This still leaves us 3 months of unpaid Mission Shares.

Judson Drake reported that all propane tanks are full. Because people have been leaving doors open in winter costing a higher fuel bill, he will paint the strikers red for keep closed and green for either open or closed to help people remember.

The new Dead River Contract as of June is C = \$1,085; P = \$276 (an increase of \$157/mo.)

We owe Dead River C = \$1,281.62 and P = \$256 in unpaid fuel bills.

The List of May Expenditures:

Programs	\$324.58
Trustees	5,652.68
SPRC	9,565.64
New England Conference	3,247.02
TOTAL May Expenses paid	18,789.92
Total Expenses YTD	87,937.54

Debbie's review of the Budget YTD:

May Target \$92,006.36; Tithes & Offerings \$72,405.50; Total Expenses \$87,937.54; Unpaid expenses \$7,356.99 (3 mo. Mission Shares)

Our attendance for May averaged 73 making YTD 78.

The Council is getting concerned at the falling attendance, some of which is unavoidable due to members not being able to get to church, deaths, and other reasons. A Lay Visitation Committee has been established as one way to combat the situation. Also, a letter is being drafted to be mailed out to the Congregation with this concern.

The Committee has been working on its tentative Stewardship Campaign plans.

Missions & Evangelism: No report (have not met recently)

SPRC: SPRC Met on Tuesday, June 4th at Beth Alden's camp. The committee enjoyed a delicious meal provided by Beth and Roy. After the meal the committee met briefly to discuss next steps for completing/updating the Church Profile. The committee decided that it would tackle this project in the fall in partnership with other church committees. This will be a new approach that will ensure a more comprehensive Church Profile.

Sue will help Debbie Barnes transition into her new role as SPRC Chairperson as well as meet with the new members of the committee to answer any questions they may have.

The committee also thanked the following members who will be leaving the committee on June 30th: Karen White; Craig Staples; Shirley Bowman; Susan White.

Trustees: Judson Drake reported the following Treasury figures:

Organ Fund	\$825.77
Clock Acct.	530.04
Steeple Maintenance	1,010.72
Pastors MVG ACCT	2,954.36
Trustees CD	10,339.56
B.O.T. Checking	116,250.36

Claire clarified to the Council the reason the Memorial Committee could not award the Lancaster Scholarship this year is that the Lancasters must approve the nominee and they did not get back to the Committee in time with a decision. The Lancasters were hesitant to see all three scholarships go to one person two years in a row. The Budd and the Brown Scholarships went to Friedrich Wilcox.

The Sprinkler system is up and running. There are still some minor things to be done but it is fully functional now.

The roof contractor, A & M Construction is behind by about 2 weeks due to all the weather issues.

Judson brought a proposal to the Council to start a Capital Campaign for the purpose of raising funds to complete urgent needs of the physical church and to start repaying the loan from the Turner Trust money. The trustees believe we should hire a consultant to organize and run the Campaign at a cost of \$10,000. He proposed possibly enlisting Bradly Call who helped us with the last Campaign.

After some discussion Judson Drake made the motion, "To approve a Capital Campaign for the purpose of continuing the revitalization of the church which would include, but not limited to, structural internal integrity, wiring, completing roofing needs; and to hire a consultant to organize and run the campaign, to be paid out of the Capital Account Seed Money while not touching the amount set aside for the Furnace Fund." Kathie Forbes seconded the motion. The Council voted unanimously to approve the Capital Campaign proposed by the Trustees. Judson's goal is at least \$258,537.00, but \$300,000.00 would be ideal. Among the many items on the list of needs:

Both Roofs

Electrical work

Structural needs

Heating

Hot Top (Parts of driveway are a hazard)

Painting and Trim inside and out

Siding

Girders

Stone and Foundation
Stain glass windows & frames

Parsonage Needs:

Porch posts are unsound and would cost \$300 to replace.

Althea's bedroom window does not open and close properly. Trustees voted to replace that window.

Judson wanted to change the term used in the May 26th Special Church Conference minutes calling him the general contractor of the roofing project to project manager.

There was expressed hope that this Capital Campaign might help our church family grow together like the last one did.

Wendy will be looking into possible grant sources by checking with the Universalist-Unitarian Church of Belfast people who used grant money to refurbish the old Methodist church there that they bought.

The Trustees do not plan regular meetings in July or August.

UMM: The GMUMC Men's Club met on May 25, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the Church dining room with 14 UMM members, 10 UMW guests, 1 guest, and 1 guest speaker attending. Richard Clark led the group in the opening prayer. Breakfast included Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, fruit, Juice and Coffee. Richard Clark gave his prelate message.

Our guest speaker was Kathy Belyea Snow. She gave an excellent presentation about her journey to become a genetic scientist and research work being conducted at the famous Jackson Lab in Bar Harbor and her role at the Lab.

The Secretary's Report for the April meeting was accepted as presented. The Treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$827.62.

Our next meeting will be June 22, 2019. This will be our Annual Meeting with election of officers. Louis Greenier, Ken Peters and Bill Thomas volunteered to be on the Nomination Committee.

The UMM will serve breakfast for the Caribou High School "Class of '59" on July 13, 2019 in the Fellowship Hall.

Worship Committee:

Last met on Friday, June 7th. Important items from that meeting:

- 1) Looking into getting a more powerful computer for the church office (donation) to accommodate new software that could convert recording sermons or meetings to a word document. Also looking into possibility of recording choir music beginning in the fall, but that will require a new type of license.
- 2) June 9 – will present high school graduates (Darrell Adams and Friedrich Wilcox) with gifts (framed small Holub print of the church)
- 3) June 16 – Father's Day gifts will be available after Worship service
- 4) Outdoor Service at Collins Pond Park – August 18th with rain-date August 25th; we will use the UMH CDs for our music
- 5) We will have youth acolytes in robes on the first Sundays in July & August; ushers will take care of the candles on other Sundays; will seek more adult volunteers
- 6) Bobbi proposed idea to have an additional worship service, different from the one we now have; we discussed options and were asked to think about it for the next meeting
- 7) Rev. Tim mentioned doing research on people not attending services – he found there were 25 people who have attended due to death, moving away, or illness that prevents them from attending
- 8) Bobbi told committee that there has been some discussion about hosting a Youth Rally at the Melody Roller Rink, which is in the planning stages; intend to invite all local churches to encourage their leaders and youth attend to have fun and games plus discussion about church attendance and involvement.
- 9) Coffee Fellowship discussion – received request to have only food with coffee fellowship on the first Sunday of each month to relieve the burden on the committees; agreed to start that in September; we will serve only hot & cold drinks on the 2nd – 5th Sundays.

PASTOR'S TIME: Rev. Tim reported on the Annual Conference on two issues that could impact our church. First, the New England Conference voted to reduce the number of Districts. Our District would stay intact but might now include part of another. Secondly, a Special Conference might be convened at which there could be a split in the Methodist church due to disagreements on some items voted on at the World Conference around the LGBT issues as well as others.

Rev. Tim passed around a flyer entitled "Discovering the Possibilities; Cherishing the Past, Celebrating the Present, Creating the Future", a workshop program by Rick McKinley. Rev. Tim would like to invite Rick up to present one of his 3 hour facilitated workshops here, maybe after the first of the year. The Council tabled the idea for the next meeting to tentatively be at Roy and Beth Alden's Camp at Madawaska Lake on August 22 pending any other commitments.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.
Respectfully submitted by Claire Hodgkins, Secretary.

Debbie Barnes mentioned to Bobbi Pelletier that she liked the poem on the wall in the church office! It's was worth sharing!
Poem written by Mother Teresa and engraved on the wall of her home for children in Calcutta:

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered: Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives: Be kind anyway.
If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies: Succeed anyway.
If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you: Be honest and frank anyway.
What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight: Build anyway.
If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous: Be happy anyway.
The good you do today, people will forget tomorrow. Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you've got anyway.
You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God, It never was between you and them anyway.

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New Study for 2019-2020
Participation Survey



Companions in Christ offers small groups a powerfully transforming experience in spiritual formation. All resources in the series explore classic spiritual practices (ways of reading scripture, forms of prayer, exploring spiritual journey, responding to God's call and spiritual guidance) and invite participants to develop daily patterns that open their lives to a deepening relationship with God and one another. The beginning point is the foundational course that runs 28 weeks plus a closing event. The course will begin in late September on one of the days and times listed below with each session lasting two hours. **The course will be limited to 9 people and sign up will begin on June 16th and end July 14th.** The course will be scheduled at a time advantageous for the most people. Because relationships in this class are particularly important, participants should anticipate missing 5 or fewer sessions for reasons other than holiday weeks or illness. Contact Rev. Tim if you have any questions.

* NOTE: The current plan is to offer further classes in both the Disciple Bible Study series and in the Companion in Christ series in upcoming years.

I would like to attend the Companions in Christ course (**check all available days/times**):

- Tuesday 10:30am – 12:30pm _____ Tuesday 1:30pm – 3:00pm _____
- Wednesday 9:30am – 11:30am _____ Wednesday 1:30pm – 3:30pm _____
(with variation on Jennie Lyon Circle days)
- Friday 9:30am – 11:30am _____

Other notes: _____

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JULY 2019!!!!

Monday	01	6-8pm	Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Tuesday	02	6:30pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting in Library
Wednesday	03	5:30-7pm	Bible Study Class in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	04	<u>FEDERAL HOLIDAY - INDEPENDENCE DAY - CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED</u>	



Sunday	07	10:00am	Worship - Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Monday	08	6-8pm	Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Wednesday	10	12:00pm	Jennie Lyon Circle Potluck Luncheon & Meeting
		5:30-7pm	Bible Study Class in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	11	6:30pm	SPRC Meeting in Kitchen
Saturday	13	8:30am	UMM serving breakfast for Class of '59 Reunion

Sunday	14	10:00am	Worship - Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Monday	15	6-8pm	Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Tuesday	16	1:00pm	Caregivers Support Group in Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
Wednesday	17	5:30-7pm	Bible Study Class in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	18	6:00pm	Finance/Stewardship Committee Meeting in Kitchen
Friday	19	1:00pm	Celebration of Life Service for Florence Gallagher followed by reception in Fellowship Hall
Saturday	20	1-2:30pm	Brownie Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

Sunday	21	10:00am	Worship - Sixth Sunday After Pentecost; <u>Richard Clark is preaching</u>
Monday	22	6-8pm	Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Wednesday	24	5:30-7pm	Bible Study Class in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	25	10:00am	<u>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER INPUT</u>

Sunday	28	10:00am	Worship - Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
Monday	29	6-8pm	Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Wednesday	31	5:30-7pm	Bible Study Class in Fellowship Hall
