



September 2019

Some of you have noticed that for many months we have occasional problems with the wireless handheld microphone in the sanctuary. Sometimes it cuts out right as someone is speaking. Other times the sounds seem to come and go. Plus, it is hard to predict. There will be stretches of time where the microphone works fine. We would use it for a rehearsal or practice one day and have no problems and then we would have a problem the very next day during worship. We have tried replacing batteries, cleaning the unit and working on the settings in the mixer board. Nothing fixed the problem. Finally, after the latest hiccup the decision was made to replace the microphone. To do so meant also replacing the transmitter that goes with it. This is when we learned that the frequency that the microphone had been using had been given for use in cell phone communications and was no longer available for our replacement microphone. Furthermore, the problems we had been having with the microphone's workings was likely caused by interference from cell phones in the vicinity of the transmitter and the microphone. And, of course, the time we have the most phones in the sanctuary is on Sunday mornings and other times of worship when a lot of people are present. It turns out that we were the cause of the interference. Not only that, we didn't even realize that we were interfering with the microphone's operation. The new microphone should take care of the interference problem.

The process of discovering this interference has me wondering ... have you considered how you interfere—even if unintentionally—with your relationship with God? This interference (you might also call it sin; or from the Greek hamartia, “missing the mark”) comes in different forms. It could be interference by omission. Perhaps you haven't allowed sufficient time for prayer, reading the scriptures, worship or meditation. Maybe you don't turn to God throughout your week. It could also be that the interference comes more directly. Sometimes, we make other aspects of our life into a god as we sometimes do with money, power, prestige, jobs or appearances. Sometimes, we lose perspective on the entire Gospel message of God's love for all his people. I see this in those across the world at the moment whose primary appeal is to our fears and our worries.

Wherever the source of the interference in your life, if we are unable to find the frequencies that will restore good communication with God, we cut ourselves off from the giver of life and the author of our faith. Most of us would say that we would not want to be cut off from God, yet our human condition often means we end up doing the very thing we would ordinarily hope to avoid.

What in your life causes interference with your relationship with God? What clues do you have that some of this interference is just beyond your ability to see it? How might you identify such hidden interference? What steps would you take to overcome this interference? How do you reduce the chances of that interference from reappearing? As you find affirmative answers to these questions, you connect with a central part of the Gospel: God wants a relationship with each of us and will go to great lengths to have it, even when our human tendencies get in the way. And, even when interference gets in the way of our relationship with God, God still loves us. Such good news indeed! My prayer is that you will clear the interference from your life (at least most of the time) so you can live more fully in the presence of God's grace, joy and peace.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Tim



# Caribou Clock

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Greetings from the Church Office!

I ask that each of you continue to pray for Kathleen Forbes.  
Please send her cards of encouragement (mail to her home - 953 Fort  
Fairfield Road, Caribou)!

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.

Our calendar is once again getting busy - please note any meetings  
you should attend!

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 September, that deadline is Tuesday,  
September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am!**

Until next month.....

Bobbi Pelletier  
Church Secretary



## August 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, Leona Michaud, Kathleen Forbes, Patricia Ramsden, Barbara Foster, Lynn McNeal, Ken Peters, Reneé Saucier; Marcie, JoJo & Carter (joy of reunification), Alice Pillsbury

On Family Death: Family of Florence Gallagher; family of Kerry Staples (Craig's brother); family of Betty Edwards (Jennifer Branscom's mother)

Other: Cities of El Paso TX & Dayton OH (recent mass shootings); joyful prayers for Doris Jeffery's 98<sup>th</sup> birthday!

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>
Sep 1	Bobbi Pelletier	Brenda Curtis & Ruthann Weeks	Ruthann Weeks	Trustees
Sep 8	Deb Pringnitz	Phyllis Billing & Diane McDonough	Ruthann Weeks	Prayer Shawl Ministry (no food)
Sep 15	Del Ramey	Conrad & Roberta Walton	Mary Ouellette	SPRC (no food)
Sep 22	Dean Rauch	Mary Anderson & Duska Franklin	Mary Ouellette	Worship Committee (no food)
Sep 29	Sue White	Louis & Judi Greenier	Mary Ouellette	NO VOLUNTEERS (no food)

**\*\* Starting in September 2019, Coffee Fellowship will have food only on the first Sunday of each month.  
For all other Sundays, Committees are only responsible for providing drinks (hot & cold).**

September Usher Coordinator: Conrad Walton

September Communion Stewardess: Joeline Boucher

Organist/Pianist: Sep 1-Margaret Cyr; Sep 8-Margaret Cyr; Sep 15-Mary Lou Brown; Sep 22-Judi Greenier;  
Sep 29-Margaret Cyr

Acolytes: Sep 1-Althea Wilcox & Alden Wilcox; Sep 8-Neal Genz; Sep 15-Alden Wilcox; Sep 22-Richard Clark;  
Sep 29-Ken Peters

Child Care Volunteers: Sep 1-Roberta Walton; Sep 8-Debbie Barnes; Sep 15-Duska Franklin; Sep 22-Meagan Irving;  
Sep 29-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!

# \* \* September Birthdays & Anniversaries \* \*

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

Remember your birthday & anniversary by making a special offering!



1	Kristi Bell
2	Rebecca Griffeth
4	Angie Harbert, Nicole Rainey, David Silsbee
5	Gail Hagelstein
8	Sonny St. Peter
9	Cherie (Black) Goranites, Ben Sharp
10	Robert Locke
11	Marie Beckum
12	Lydia Kieffer-Till
13	Monica Alley
14	Kim Barnes
16	Peter Campbell, Ruth Ross

17	Anna Jandreau
19	Romeo Bouchard, Connor DeMerchant, Del Ramey
21	Christopher Silsbee, Daryla Simon
22	Justin McLauchlan, Jennifer Sherman
23	Joyce Knorr, Robert Mockler, Lisa Wilcox
25	Garrick Alley, Dave Wakana, Dawn Westman
26	Ian McLauchlan, Kyle Staples
27	Emmett Ross
28	Reta Haley
29	Bob Norsworthy



1	Lynne Josselyn & Larry Conrad
3	Jennifer & Scott Branscom, Nicole & Ryan Cousins
5	Sheila & Dave Belyea

8	Carol & Francis Cyr
10	Casey & Corey Felix
20	Joelene & Mark Boucher

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/  
FINANCE  
COMMITTEE

Worship Attendance and General Fund Offerings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Operating Fund Offering</u>
Aug 4	82	\$3,992.00
Aug 11	78	\$2,533.00
Aug 18	59	\$2,716.00
Aug 25	73	\$2,104.00

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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 August 25th, the balance in the CASM account is \$40,592.20. (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.) In August, we sent \$4,400.00 to the United Methodist Foundation of New England to hire our Capital Campaign consultant, Bradley Call. Our new campaign, called "Growing in Faith", will start soon. In recent weeks, a bulletin insert was provided on Sunday mornings seeking volunteers to participate in the various campaign teams. Please consider signing up for a team you are interested in!

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Photo Directory Changes (September 2019 Newsletter changes):

Wakana, Dave – new email address: [dwakana1@gmail.com](mailto:dwakana1@gmail.com)

Black, Cherie – last name changed to Goranites (Cherie got married March 30, 2019)! Congratulations! Her address is now 38 Northwood Drive, Windham ME 04062

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*September 1 – Del Ramey*  
*September 8 – Dan Schall In Concert*  
*September 15 – Heather Maynard*  
*September 22 – Mary Lou Brown*  
*Senior Choir begins September 29<sup>th</sup>!*



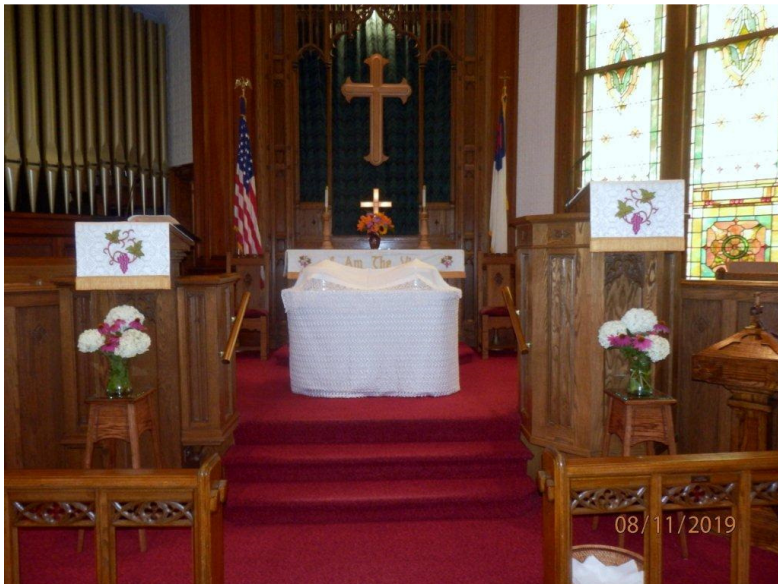
**Pictures from Our Worship Services!!**  
(photos by Dale Sharp, unless otherwise noted)



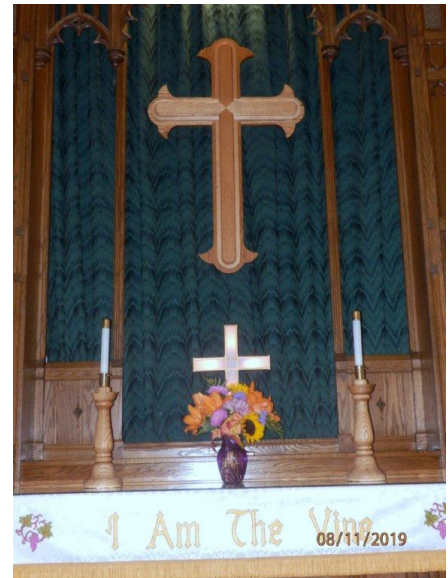
Aug 4 - Margaret Cyr accompanied Vivian Bell, singing "It's a Miracle". Thank you Vivian!



Aug 4 - Special flowers on the altar  
in memory of  
Irene Florence McDowell;  
provided by Bobbi Pelletier



Aug 11-Altar area with communion elements and special flowers



Special flowers provided by Mary Ouellette  
(in memory of members we have lost and in honor of current members)



Aug 11 - The Wilcox Family Ringers  
(Friedrich, Tamara, Althea & Alden)  
performed "Go Down, Moses" during the  
Special Music time; Rev. Tim joined them  
when they played "Simple Gifts" during  
the Offertory Time



Scenes from our Outdoor Worship Service at Collins Pond Park - August 11, 2019  
(The weather cooperated!)







Debbie Nichols presented UMW Mission Pins to Friedrich, Alden & Tamara Wilcox (also Jennifer Tierney, who has moved to Florida)





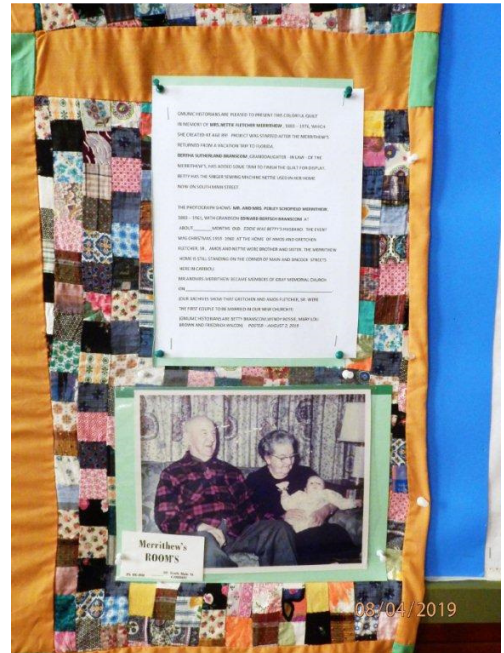
Diane Fitzpatrick presented a Prayer Shawl to Friedrich Wilcox as he gets ready to leave for college!



Diane Fitzpatrick invited the congregation to come forward, lay hands on Friedrich, and Rev. Tim prayed for him as he prepares to leave for college!



## Other Kodak Moments!



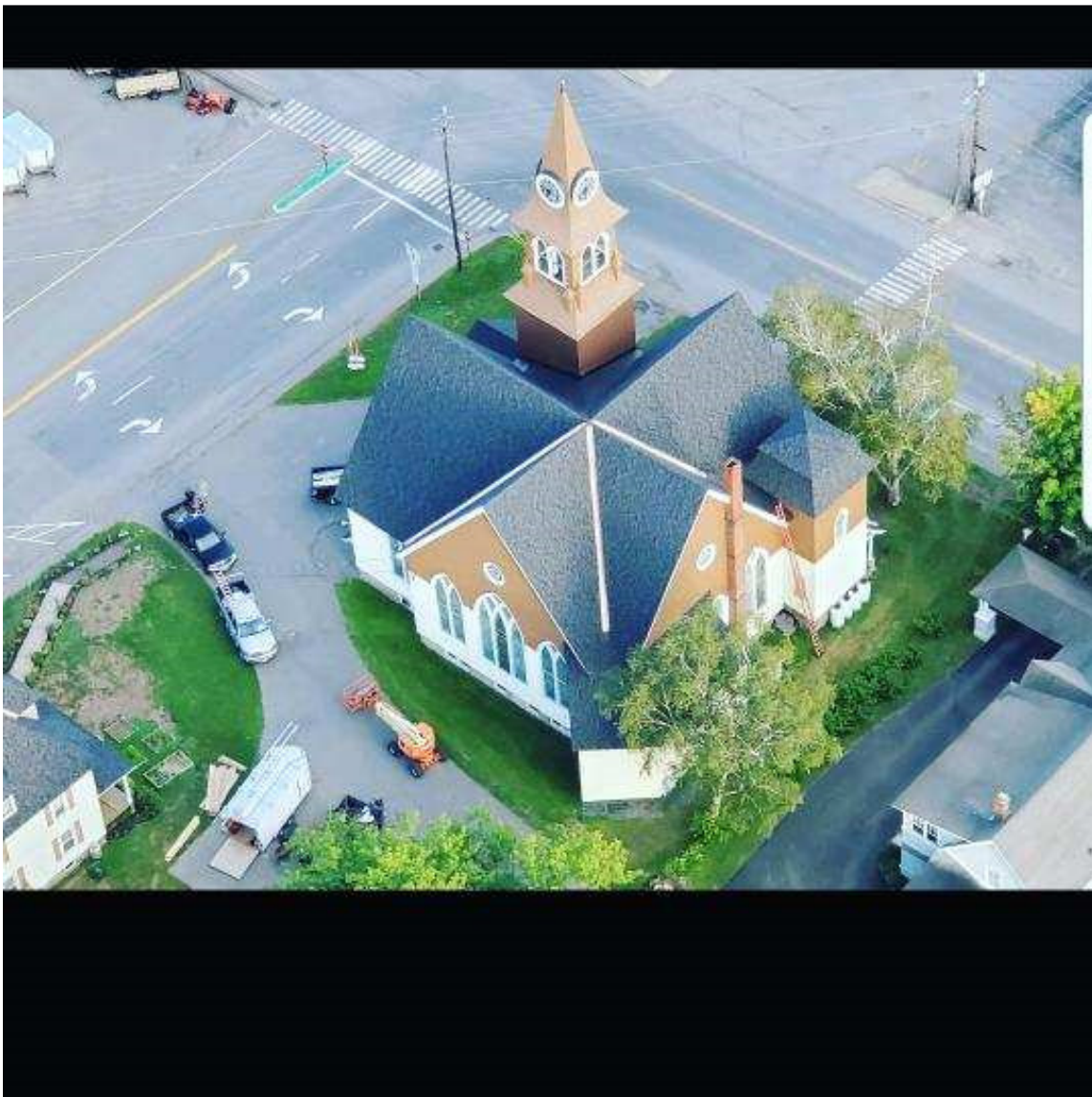
New Library Display: Quilt made by Mrs. Nettie Fletcher Merrithew, who created it when she was 89 years old!  
Thank you to Betty Branscom, her granddaughter-in-law!



Aug 4 - Birthday & Anniversary Cake!

Aug 4 - new beautiful roof on the parsonage!





*Arial view of the church's new roof (some of the parsonage appears in the bottom left as well)! Judson Drake took this picture from a small plane as it flew overhead! Thanks Judson!*

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*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!*

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

To get started, download GivePlus Church for free from the App Store or Google Play. Simply search for "GivePlus Church" to quickly find and download the app today. Then, you can easily make donations directly from your smartphone using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.

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! Thanks for your support!

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### **New Study for 2019-2020**

#### **Still room for additional people!**

**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 with each session lasting two hours. **The course will be limited to 9 people.** 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 are interested in participating and he can provide more details.



Dan Schall will be here on Sunday,  
September 8<sup>th</sup> for our Worship Service  
at 10am!

The Finance/Stewardship Committee is sponsoring a bean & hot dog meal for the City of Caribou's Kids' Marathon on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Wellness & Recreation Center at approximately 4:30pm.

We are seeking help with food preparation and serving. If you are willing to help, please speak with Melonie Carlson or Bobbi Pelletier.





**Our 2019 Church Conference is scheduled for  
Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm.**

**Bobbi notified everyone on July 18th about paperwork requirements.**

**All committee/groups/individuals who typically provide reports for the church conference are encouraged to submit their paperwork no later than  
10:00am on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

**Earlier is much appreciated!**



*The Worship Committee is again sponsoring a school-year project to provide school supplies, clothing and hygiene items to local school children. There are specific boxes in the Library and we started accepting donations on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Our first donation date is as of Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.*

*Please consider helping our local school children with these much needed items. The school personnel were thrilled with all that was donated last year! Thank you!*

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**Message from Margaret Cyr:** Rehearsals for Senior Choir will be starting for the 2019-2020 season on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 6:30P.M. I am always looking for new members who will join a wonderful group of people in fellowship to learn and sing new music, be worship leaders and play an important role in serving our God and our faith community. Please prayerfully consider joining us on Sept. 11. If you have questions, contact me at 493-3028.

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*Interesting article from the "Focus on the Family" June 2019 brochure:  
"Fascinating Tidbits & Trivia from the Publisher"*

**The Less Anxious Line**

*Have you ever wondered why the airport makes us stand in a single interminable line for security rather than splitting into several shorter, more manageable lines? Turns out there's a legitimate reason: experts say a single line actually results in lower stress levels by increasing the apparent fairness of the situation. No one's going to fixate on whether another line is going faster than theirs if there is no other line. When we have multiple lines to choose from, however, we're guaranteed to think the other lines are moving faster than ours. Human nature, right?*





CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES  
8-22-19

Members in Attendance: Roy Alden, Leland Frost, Rev. Tim Wilcox, Tamara Wilcox, Bobbi Pelletier, Mary Lou Brown, Neal Genz, Bill Thomas, Melonie Carlson, Alaina Pethick, Debbie Barnes, Judson Drake

Roy Alden opened the meeting with prayer at 6:42pm.

We then gave brief testimonials reflecting on what makes Gray Memorial unique and special to us. For example: Judson talked about the light reflecting through the windows on a sunny day and how God's spirit was being distributed throughout the church; Melonie told us how open and receptive the church had been to her family and how she felt God's presence in each of the members of our church; Neal and Bobbi both expressed their love for the church and how the church was their family and the reason they continued to live here even though their families resided far away.

Roy called for committee reports. The following committee reports were submitted prior to the meeting:

Education: The Education Committee met for the first time in quite some time at the end of July. Josselyn Langworthy and Michele Sterner provided information regarding the programs they are planning for Sunday school. The start date was set as August 25. The Blessing of the Backpacks will also be held on that date.

Much discussion was had regarding past events and activities as well as ideas for new ones. The committee decided to continue with the annual Christmas tree sales. Our church participated in the "Caribou Cares About Kids" parade, giving out treats and information about Sunday school. We hosted the Supreme Court Jesters Magic and Juggling Act. Special thanks to Josselyn for arranging that. Several other ideas for upcoming events included a youth rally at the roller rink, a drumming/exercise program for older children, and guest speakers. Further discussion and planning is needed for these. The committee also addressed the concern about lack of volunteers and low attendance at events. Our main goal this year is to draw in more people and build these programs up. Some discussion was held regarding other potential members for this committee.

A meeting was scheduled for August 18, but needed to be rescheduled due to unforeseen circumstances. That date is to be determined. The agenda is to begin planning for fall and winter activities.

Memorials: No Report

Mission & Evangelism Committee: Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Cookie Booth in October.

SPRC: The SPRC met on Thursday, August 15, 2019 in the church kitchen. The agenda included discussion about the Church Conference scheduled September 15 and documents and tasks needing attention to be ready for that meeting. The committee discussed the pastor's salary for 2020. Motion was made by Jean, seconded by Ruthann to recommend a salary adjustment as follows: 2020 salary at \$51,000 with an additional \$1,000 for social security, \$2,000 for the Pastor's pension and an estimated \$18,263 for health insurance premiums. Reimbursements levels were held at the 2019 level, for Pastor travel at \$4,250 and continuing education at \$1,250. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion followed about the committee's plan to meet the Discipline's requirement for annual staff evaluations. An evaluation tool was selected as was an employee self-evaluation tool. The committee plans to have the self-evaluation tools distributed among staff by Sunday, August 18 with appointments following for each staff member with conclusion to occur before the October meeting.

Worship Committee: At our August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the following was discussed:

Still waiting on status of upgraded computer, sound, screens, etc. that we hope will get donated. Also hope to purchase equipment & software to record and transcribe sermons and meetings.

We plan to take a break from using the Marcia McFee Worship Design Studio sermon series for a while and follow the liturgical calendar.

We still need more acolytes (Note: we made announcements and spoke to several people and currently have some new people starting soon.)

Outdoor Worship Service at Collins Pond Park scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup> with a rain-date of August 25<sup>th</sup>. Discussed all the particulars.

Mission Project for collecting items for local school children will begin again on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Discussed upcoming Sundays and noted any special items related to each:

- Aug 4: Mary Lou preaching
- Aug 11: Communion Sunday
- Aug 18: Friedrich Wilcox's last Sunday with us; plan to present him with a prayer shawl and ask Rev. Tim to let us have a laying on of hands and blessing.
- Aug 25: Richard Clark preaching
- Sep 1: Communion Sunday
- Sep 8: Dan Schall In Concert; Grandparents' Day
- Sep 29: Senior Choir returns
- Oct 6: World Communion Sunday (special offering)– Margaret Cyr volunteered to do the altar arrangement
- Oct 20: Laity Sunday; Bobbi presented a suggestion on what to do during the service to recognize contributions of our laity; will discuss more at September meeting

Committee discussed a possible additional service; what day? What type? We decided to suggest to Rev. Tim (not present) that we should offer a Saturday 4pm 30-minute service. More discussion will occur at next meeting.

In September, Coffee Fellowship will change as committee decided to stop asking committees to provide food except on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday. Have not heard any comments on this as yet.

Our next meeting is Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am (changed from Sep 6<sup>th</sup>)

Roy asked if any committee wished to highlight or add any information to their reports –

Worship Committee – Bobbi told everyone that a new hand-held microphone and transmitter was purchased and will be more reliable than the previous one.

Trustees – Judson told everyone the extent of the work accomplished on the church & parsonage roofs. He also said the total cost was \$157,000. We received an additional \$50,000 to help complete this project and remainder will be used for more needed work.

These Church Council Minutes include these additional reports presented at the Church Council Meeting:

Cluster: No report.

Finance/Stewardship: Financial reports for July 2019 were reviewed. Tamara Wilcox's report showed the regular offerings were \$14,489.12, with reimbursements of \$11.00. Special Funds for Church Use amounted to \$903.00. Special Funds Not for Church Use was \$20. The total donations received in July came to \$15,423.12.

Bobbi Pelletier reports reflected the following for July:

Beginning Balance	\$523.76
2019 Operating Income	14,489.12
Interest	4.35
Less EFT fee	(27.37) VANCO fees (EFT deposits)
Less Expenses	(14,242.88)
Ending Balance	746.98

Bobbi's Expense report shows that an average of \$4,246.45 is needed weekly. We are behind five months in Mission Shares, which is a total of \$12,251.65. The monthly Pastor's Pension benefit of \$794.69 was paid. Our Dead River balances as of July 31<sup>st</sup> are Church = (\$407.01) and Parsonage = (\$170.57). Our monthly costs are Church \$1,085 and Parsonage \$276.

Melonie's report on our Budget was as follows:

The annual Budget for 2019 is \$220,815.26 which requires \$18,401.27 monthly and \$4,246.45 weekly. We are 58% through this year's budget and the following are the July numbers:

Target= \$128,808.90; Tithes & Offerings= \$100,138.27; Total Expenses= \$121,890.65; Unpaid Expenses= \$12,251.65.

The only unpaid expenses are our Mission Shares (five months).

Our average monthly attendance for July was 68 and the average YTD attendance is 75.

Melonie had copies of the 2018 Audit Report and passed several copies of the Fund Balance Report on to the various Church Council members. The Fund Balance Report will be included in the September 15<sup>th</sup> Church Conference booklet.

At the June 2019 Finance/Stewardship Committee meeting, a discussion about the financial status of the operating budget was held. Bobbi was unable to attend the meeting, but had informed the group of her concern regarding having sufficient donations each month to cover the church's bills. She asked the committee for approval to use the approximately \$18,000 in the checkbook under "Special Funds for Church Use" as a buffer to support spending more than received in monthly operating budget donations. The committee agreed to allow spending up to \$2,000 more than the monthly donations, if it was necessary. This was then brought forward to the Church Council so that the group was aware of this financial situation.

Note: During the August 21<sup>st</sup> Finance/Stewardship meeting, Bobbi informed the committee that she expects to use up some of the approved \$2,000 to cover August expenses. She also will receive and have to pay two once-a-year payments in September – the 2019 Real Estate Taxes for the Parsonage (\$2,020.47) and 20% of the annual property insurance which was \$1,837.00 last year. She felt the \$2,000 allowance approved in June needed to be increased to \$4,000 for September, just in case donations received are not enough. The Finance/Stewardship Committee agreed and approved this increase. That item was also brought forward to the Church Council and was approved.

Due to the situation described in June in the previous paragraph, a suggestion was made during the June 2019 Church Council meeting to draft a letter to the congregation and Kathleen Forbes agreed to draft it. Unfortunately, with her illness shortly after that meeting, the letter was never drafted. During this August meeting, Mary Lou Brown and Melonie Carlson agreed to draft a letter to be mailed out to the congregation outlining our current financial situation with suggestions of what might be done to rectify the current crisis.

The Finance/Stewardship Committee has agreed to provide a hot dog & bean supper for the Kids' Marathon participants and volunteers on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. The City will reimburse us for all associated expenses and give us a \$500 stipend. The committee has discussed all the needed supplies and has made contacts to obtain them. The congregation is asked to volunteer to help at the supper and provide brownies for the desserts.

SPRC presented a proposed Pastor Compensation Salary package that must be voted on by the Church Council before it can be presented for vote at the Church Conference in September. The package calls for \$1,000 increase in the Pastor salary and a small increase in the cost of health insurance. The package was previously approved by the Finance/Stewardship Committee. A motion was made by Bill Thomas and seconded by Mary Lou Brown to approve the financial package as presented. After brief discussion the package was approved. The vote was 8 to 0 with three members abstaining because they are employees of the church.

Rev. Tim asked that the Nominations Report approved at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Special Church Conference be updated due to changes in who would serve on the Staff Parish Relations Committee. Debbie Pringnitz is coming off the committee. Shirley Bowman (serve until June 2021) and Karen White (serve until June 2022) were nominated and approved unanimously to serve on the committee.

In May, a Lay Visitation Team was formed and trained to contact members/constituents of our church who currently are not attending. The committee will be meeting again in the next few weeks to discuss the final results of their effort. They will prepare a report to give to SPRC to demonstrate the results of their team's contacts.



The upcoming Church Conference will be September 15 at 2:30pm. Those of you who are committee/group chairs are reminded to get your reports to Bobbi by Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am so the Church Conference Booklet can be prepared.

Trustees: Discussion about the new Capital Campaign – Judson Drake presented the upcoming “Growing in Faith” campaign and explained that the benefit of this campaign is to take over where the last campaign (Sharing the Grace) stopped. We will focus this part on safety and structure and the list of what work and estimated cost that will be included is as follows:

1. Sprinkler in sanctuary	\$10,000
2. Electrical (old wiring) – church & parsonage	\$14,000
3. Structural	\$17,000
4. Safety exits (2 doors, ladder, steep steps)	\$8,200
5. Trip hazard (hot top walkways)	\$10,900
6. Siding rest of church	\$22,500
7. Tin work, walls, painting	\$74,400
8. Heating	<u>\$42,000</u>
Total	\$199,000

The church has hired Bradley Call, the Capital Campaign Consultant who assisted us with the “Sharing the Grace” capital campaign. The campaign schedule is as follows:

- Begins September 22 (week 1)
- Orientation/Training for everyone: Tuesday, September 24, 7 pm (90 minutes + questions)
- Ends the week of November 24 (week 10)
- After the initial training on the 24th for everyone, the campaign leadership team should meet every other Tuesday evening to the end of the campaign (weeks 3, 5, 7 & 9).
- Brad Call will be present in person with us on weeks 1, 3 & 5. He will join in by other means at other times and is available for consultation throughout.
- Our Commitment Sunday will be on the last Sunday of the campaign, presumably Nov 24.

The congregation is urged to review the “Growing in Faith” brochure that is provided each Sunday and join a team that interests them.

UMM: No report.

UMW: No report.

Rev. Tim presented a proposal to do a possibility study where we take a look at our church and go through a series of self-reflection activities with the help of an outside coordinator. The purpose of this feasibility study would be to help us celebrate the present, analyze our strengths, and guide us as we create a focus for the future. Members of the Church Council were asked to reflect on this possibility and communicate the concept to members of the church. At the next Church Council meeting, we will vote if we want to pursue the “Discovery Possibilities Program”.

Roy Alden closed the meeting at 7:50pm thanking everyone for their attendance and their involvement as we attempt to provide the leadership necessary to grow as a church in God’s light.

## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER 2019!!!!

Sunday	01	10:00am	Worship - Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
		11:30am	Lay Visitation Team Meeting in Library
Monday	02	<u>FEDERAL HOLIDAY - LABOR DAY - CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED</u>	
Tuesday	03	10:00am	DEADLINE FOR ALL REPORTS FOR ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE!
		6:30pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting in Library
Wednesday	04	5:30-7pm	Bible Study Class in Fellowship Hall
		6:00pm	Handbell Practice (first of the new season!)
Thursday	05	9:30am	Aroostook Cluster Meeting in Mars Hill
		4:30pm	Senior Choir Potluck Supper at Alden's Camp
		5-7:30pm	Foster Parents Support Group Meeting in Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
Sunday	08	9:00am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship - Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost; Dan Schall In Concert; Grandparents' Day
		11:30am	Education Committee Meeting in Library
Monday	09	6-8pm	Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Tuesday	10	6:00pm	Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry Board Meeting at Pantry
Wednesday	11	12:00pm	Jennie Lyon Circle Potluck Luncheon & Meeting
		5:30-7pm	Bible Study Class in Fellowship Hall
		6:00pm	Handbell Practice
		6:30pm	Senior Choir Practice (first of the new season!)
Thursday	12	6:30pm	SPRC Meeting in Kitchen
Friday	13	7:00pm	SPRC Meets with District Superintendent
Saturday	14	4:30pm	Finance/Stewardship Committee Serves Dinner to Kids' Marathon Participants & Volunteers at the Wellness and Recreation Center
Sunday	15	9:00am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship - Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
		11:45am	Missions & Evangelism Committee Meeting in Library (discuss Cookie Booth)
		2:30pm	Annual Church Conference in Fellowship Hall
Monday	16	6-8pm	Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Tuesday	17	1:00pm	Caregivers Support Group in Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
		6:00pm	Trustees Meeting in Kitchen
Wednesday	18	5:30-7pm	Bible Study Class in Fellowship Hall
		6:00pm	Handbell Practice
Thursday	19	6:00pm	Finance/Stewardship Committee Meeting in Kitchen
		6:30pm	Church Council Meeting in Kitchen
Saturday	21	1-2:30pm	Brownie Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Sunday	22	9:00am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship - Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Monday	23	6-8pm	Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Wednesday	25	5:30-7pm	Bible Study Class in Fellowship Hall
		6:00pm	Handbell Practice
		6:30pm	Senior Choir Practice
Saturday	28	8:00am	UMM Breakfast & Meeting in Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
Sunday	29	9:00am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship - Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Monday	30	6-8pm	Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen