

The calendar says that summer will soon be here. It is a time for BBQs, visits to camps and cottages, outdoor recreation and vacations. I have noticed over the years, however, that when we take vacation time we also often take a vacation from God time—especially when it comes to worship. Consistent spiritual habits can have just as positive an impact on us as good sleep or a well-balanced meal. I often hear from parishioners that you can really tell the difference if you have a week without your usual prayers, your usual devotions or worship due to work commitments, family events or catching up on your sleep.

When traveling this summer (or any season of the year), I challenge you to attend worship wherever you are. On most Sundays when I am off, we visit another church nearby if we are not traveling or look for a church when we are. Not only does this practice help us keep up the practice of regular worship on Sunday, we also have the opportunity to hear different preachers, experience worship in different ways and glean ideas from a variety of churches. Some of these even find their way into my own ministry. Not only do we actually have an opportunity to worship together—a not too common occurrence for a clergy family—we also learn a lot about our own church and our faith when in a different context. When out of my usual setting, I can more easily see some of the ways God is speaking to me and to the church. And, in many cases, I find myself inspired in some way by the experience when I return home.

When you return from your travels this summer, bring with you a bulletin or other memento from your experience. I would enjoy hearing about the churches you visited, what you learned and how your experience might inform our ministry here at Gray Memorial.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Tim

DISCIPLE

Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Disciple Class in Fall 2016

Planning for another Disciple Bible Study Class will soon begin. Rev. Tim is planning to offer either a Disciple I, II or III class beginning this fall with an eye to offering Disciple IV in 2017-2018.

Disciple is an excellent opportunity to study scripture, learn about your faith, and develop a deeper faith in Christ all in the context of community with other people. If you are considering Disciple or would like more information about Disciple, please speak with Rev. Tim before the end of June.

On Sunday, May 22nd, the following became members of Gray Memorial UMC:

Will Barnum - Profession of Faith

Alaina Pethick - Transfer from Wesley UMC, Niles MI

Tamara Wilcox - Transfer from Fairfield UMC, Fairfield ME

Friedrich Wilcox - Transfer from United Church of Newport VT



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Greetings from the Church Office!

Thank you to everyone for your kind words, cards and prayers as I lost my sister Linda recently. I appreciate everyone's concern. Special thanks to Shirley Bowman for filling in for me in the church office on such short notice!

Our Vacation Bible School is Monday-Friday, July 11-15. Included in this Newsletter is a registration form that can be filled out and returned to the church office. We still need volunteers - speak with Michele Sterner or Denise Witmer if you are willing to help!

The UMW Cookbook Committee is hard at work compiling all the wonderful recipes we received! You still have time to submit your special recipes. Forms are available in the Narthex.

Please remember to notify the Church Office if you move or change phone numbers. It is important to keep the records updated. I hope to create a new church directory soon, as the 2013 Photo Directory is really outdated.

Until next month.....

Bobbi Pelletier
Church Secretary



May Prayer Concerns

Prayer Concerns: Debbie & Lu Sharp, Judi McKee, Pearl Cole, Mary Roberts, Danny Conroy, Darlene Nelder, Nita Moir, Linda Haefke, Roger Laverre, Baby Boy McElwain (grandson of Dee Whitmore), Baby Boy Wayne R. Nichols II, VickiJean Madore, Jill McDonald, Punky Fritz, Barbara Dee, Anne Sinclair, Dot Matson, Zelma Merritt, Esther Page, Marilyn Langley, Betty Branscom, Tyra Sterner

On Family Death: The family of Cindy Powers; family of Michael Skonieczny; family of Richard Kneeland; family of Harold Albair; family of Stanley Sutherland; family of Charles Sykes; family of Derek Sam; family of Ed Utz; family of Punky Fritz; family of VickiJean Madore; family of Linda Haefke; family of Kay McLaughlin; family of Major David Sowers

Other: Nations of Israel & Palestine; All who serve in harm's way; Ron & Don Nadeau's 75th Birthday!; fire victims in Alberta; Houston flood victims; Joelene Boucher - safe travel home from Tennessee; Tanner Sterner (left to join Air Force); families of the victims of Egyptian Air Crash; welcome to Tamara Wilcox's father Al & his wife Toni, visiting on May 29th

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!

Special Notice:

Interment for Oscar Nelder on June 4th at 2:00pm at Chapman Cemetery. Go to Mapleton UMC, take road opposite the church, right to the cemetery.

REMINDERS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LITURGIST</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>COUNTER</u>	<u>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP</u>
Jun 5	Kathleen Forbes	Phyllis Billing & Audrey Bubar	Phyllis Billing	Trustees
Jun 12	Mary Lou Brown	Mary & Mike Ayers	Phyllis Billing	Memorial Committee
Jun 19	Samuela Manages	Ken Peters & Warren Dobson	Phyllis Billing	SPRC
Jun 26	Mary Ouellette	Diane & Bruce Fitzpatrick	Joelene Boucher	Worship Committee

Usher Coordinator: Bill Thomas

Evangelism Greeters: Jun 5-Mary Ouellette; Jun 12-Ruth Ross; Jun 19-Ruthann Weeks; Jun 26-Betty Branscom

Communion Stewardess: Mary Theriault

Acolytes: Jun 5-Darrell Adams & Friedrich Wilcox; Jun 12-Matthew Smith & Mari Witmer;
Jun 19-Alden Wilcox & Lauren Craig; Jun 26-Mari Witmer & Lauren Craig

Child Care Volunteers: Jun 5-Roberta Walton; Jun 12-Debbie Barnes; Jun 19-Jennifer Craig; Jun 26-Dawn Westman

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!

* * June Birthdays & Anniversaries * *

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

Remember your birthday & anniversary by a special offering each year.



1	Wendy Bossie	18	Kathryn Fletcher, Eric McBreairty, Matthew Okulski
2	Dale Fowler, Craig Staples	19	Michele Blackstone, Dale Dee
3	Melinda Thibodeau	22	Gwen Ferguson
5	Betty Branscom, Glen Warner	24	Ben Wakana
7	Ryan Sherman	25	Michelle Branscom
8	Stephen Bailey, Tom Richardson	26	David Belyea, Sherri DeMerchant, Esther Page
9	Darrell Adams II	27	Amanda Mockler
10	Ashleigh Craig, Leila Robertson, Celena Sharp	28	Audrey Bubar, Quinn DeMerchant, Carole Doody, Caleb Espling
12	Cameron Doody, Scott Witmer	29	Charlene Gage, Rebecca Rife, Alden Wilcox
14	Eloise Penny		
16	Patricia Adams, Jillian Jandreau, Danielle Lombard, Christy Van Egmond		
17	Brian Doody		



9	Sylvia & Albert Akeley	23	Mary & Mike Ayers
10	Josselyn & Adam Langworthy	24	Sherri & Ray DeMerchant
16	Diane & Phil McDonough	25	Debbie & Bob Jordan
18	Marie & Tom Beckum	26	Kim & Travis Barnes
20	Diane & Dean Rauch	27	Peggy & Stephen Bailey, Hope & Scott Walton
21	Diane & Bruce Fitzpatrick	28	Carole & Steven Doody, Duska & Jeff Franklin
	29	Kristi & Vince Bell	

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>
May 1	98	\$14,265.14
May 8	102	\$3,688.00
May 15	98	\$3,129.00
May 22	89	\$2,421.50
May 29	82	\$2,585.00

Needed to meet 2016 Budget: \$3,764.09 weekly

Capital Account Seed Money:

We continue to receive donations each week for the "Capital Account Seed Money" account and as of May 29th, our balance is \$22,737.14. In May, we received a very generous donation that cleared the remaining balance of the "debt" we owed to this account!

Changes to 2013 Pictorial Directory:

Jordan, Bob & Debbie: new address – 14 Hill Street, Apt. 205, Corinna ME 04928; 207-278-0076

Nelder, Darlene: new address – Ledgeview No. 8, 92 US Rt 1, Cumberland Foreside, ME 04110; cell phone – (207) 536-7664



Friday, July 1 – UMW Pie Sale, 9am-until sold out!

Monday-Friday, July 11-15 – SonQuest Rainforest Vacation Bible School; 9am-noon (registration opens at 8:30am)

Sunday, July 17 – Summer Musicales OPUS XIII, 2:00pm

Saturday, November 12 – UMW Soup Luncheon & Jennie Lyon Bake Sale, 9am-2pm

OTHER "KODAK MOMENTS"



Birthday and Anniversary Cake for Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, May 1st.



CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

5-19-16

ATTENDEES: Diane McDonough (chair), Claire Hodgkins, Rev. Tim Wilcox, Shirley Bowman, Debbie Barnes, Bill Thomas, Margaret Cyr, and Judi Greenier

Diane McDonough called the meeting to order in the Church Library at 6:33 PM. Rev. Tim said a brief prayer to lift up our members in need, saying their names and praying for them ending with the council reciting the "Lord's Prayer". The Council approved the minutes of the last meeting as published and printed in the May Newsletter. Next, the following Committee reports were given.

CLUSTER: No Report

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Judi Greenier extended appreciation to the following Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry volunteers from GMUMC for the month of May: Bill Thomas, Claire Hodgkins, Susan and Richard Clark, Jeannette Belyea, Debbie Nichols, and Joanne Smith. She also gave Bill Thomas special thanks to for working 7 of the 8 days the Pantry was open this month.

EDUCATION: No Report.

EVANGELISM AND PUBLICITY: No Report, but Betty asked the Council for its opinion regarding whether the booklets in the visitor bags should mention the red attendance registers that are sent through the pews during the Sunday service. After some discussion, the Council recommended that it was not necessary to mention the attendance registers. It was further decided to suspend the use of the attendance registers over the summer, but encourage guests to sign the Guest Book in the Narthex which could be suggested by the Evangelism Greeters each Sunday. It was also decided to make the bookmark cards available and encourage guests to write their information on them and place the cards in the collection plate. Debbie Barnes suggested we could make our own bookmarks instead of purchasing them.

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP: Shirley Bowman reported that the regular offerings for April were \$13,350.04 and additional sources to the operating fund brought the total to \$14,562.04. We had reimbursements of \$29 and special funds for church use amount to \$3,188.55. Native American Sunday offerings that were not for church use came to \$106.00 bringing the total offerings in April to \$17,885.59.

Debbie Barnes reported the following Checkbook figures:

Beginning Balance	\$4,449.88
2016 Operating Income	14,562.04
Interest	.58
Less EFT fee	(16.50)
Less Expenses	(16,848.26)
Ending Balance	2,147.74

The previous balance of the Capital Account seed money was \$19,151.45. April deposits were \$1,549.83 with no withdrawals bringing the April balance to \$20,701.28. The total expenditures for the month of April amounted to \$16,848.26. Mission shares are 1 month ahead. The Dead River Balances for the church is \$4,147.86 and Parsonage is \$583.25 with no May payment due. The Annual Budget for the year is \$195,732.50 in April the Target was \$65,244.17. Tithes & Offerings amounted to \$58,484.55. Total expenses were \$64,785.74. All bills have been paid. The average attendance for April and for the year to date is 103. The Audit is ongoing. The Committee thanks all who helped with the Italian supper. The proceeds of \$1,044.00 was split between the Operating Fund and the Capital Account to reduce the "debt".

HISTORY AND RECORDS: No Report

MEMORIALS: No Report

SPRC: Bill Thomas reported that Rev. Tim will be gone with the Confirmation Class on May 29th and Richard Clark would be filling in for him. Also, Rev. Tim will be away on July 10th as well as time for a family vacation in late July or early August before school starts up. SPRC plans to complete the annual Congregational and Pastoral Evaluation at the June meeting. Sadly, the SPRC accepted Susan Clark's resignation as church organist. We plan to advertise in the local paper, job service, and use music teachers for contacts. Margaret Cyr recommended approaching a possible organist she knows but she stated that probably SPRC would have to pay more if this person accepted as she would be traveling from out of town and is a professional musician. Further, a job description should include times the organist is expected to play for church functions other than weddings and funerals. SPRC discussed possibly having a lay speakers' course within the next year, and possible candidates. The Committee also discussed rotation for a lay speaker outside the church, possibly Limestone or Presque Isle if needed. The staff and volunteers are well satisfied with Emma, our new child care worker.

TRUSTEES: Judi Greenier reported that Rene St. Peter had explained his proposal for repairing the block wall on the Prospect Street side of the church. He is preparing an estimate while we are searching for an engineer who can make sure we can properly secure the building, especially the stained glass windows without completely taking the wall in the basement apart. We hope to go ahead with this project by the end of June. Roy Alden and Dave Wakana plan to paint the posts on the new portico and also scrape and paint the church wall on the Sweden Street side because it is peeling badly.

We plan to rent or borrow a small excavator later this summer to do repairs to the back wall where water is leaking into the church. We plan to seal the wall with a rubber based product, then blue board in the ground against the wall to protect it from frost. The Trustees discussed the church use policy as it relates to fees assessed of non-members versus members as well as non-profit groups versus profit groups. Rev. Tim is preparing a final draft of the policy to be reviewed at our next Trustee meeting. If anyone wishes to comment or express an opinion feel free to talk to a Trustee. The Trustees will

be having a new hooded microwave oven installed in the parsonage very soon. The church has a leak in the north tower so we are contacting various companies with a lift so we can assess the cause and how best to address it and fix the problem. The Parsonage furnace has been replaced and the Trustees are looking at options for a water heater. The Trustees discussed in detail the replacement of the carpet and sub-flooring in the Fellowship Hall and decided that the cement walls need to get finished first. There is a difference of opinion as to whether to put down carpeting or some new type of flooring. This will be an expensive project but appropriate for the use of Capital funds. The Trustees plan to form a subcommittee to research possibilities. This Saturday, May 21st, the Men's Club will be cleaning out the storage shed and holding a yard sale. If anyone wishes to help or if anyone has anything in the shed that should be retained, contact Neal Genz or Roy Alden.

UMM: No Report

UMW: No Report

WORSHIP: Margaret Cyr reported on the following Special Sundays:

- MAY 22 Trinity Sunday, Heritage Sunday
 Honoring New Members
 Charge Conference

- MAY 29 Memorial Sunday

- JUNE 5 Education Recognition
 Communion

- JUNE 12 Graduation (We have one Graduate.)
 Disciple Class is graduating
 No Scholarships awarded this year

- JUNE 19 Confirmation Sunday
 Father's Day

Margaret Cyr reported that donations for the digital piano in excess of the cost of the piano were given to the handbell choir. The Summer Musicales: Opus XIII will be July 17th. The guest musicians will include Steve Gant (clarinet and Saxophone), Stephanie Plourde (vocal), Andrew and Stephanie Sullivan (violin and piano), and Dan Ladner (organ). The CCLI license for our music has been paid. We need to find a home for the old piano in the Fellowship Hall. Maybe the men can find a home this weekend at their sale. If not we may have to dismantle it and trash it.

PASTOR'S TIME: Rev. Tim announced the end of his two Disciple classes and his plan to develop small group studies that could involve a variety of focuses. The Confirmation class will soon be finishing up with a "Road Trip" to learn about another form of worship on May 29th as well as a mission project and a term paper in which each student will articulate a concept of his/her faith. This could be the most challenging part. New members will be joining May 22nd although some may not be able to attend at this time. This summer the Pastor and his family plan some vacation time. He will also be going to Camp in late July or early August. At least 4 weddings are scheduled between June and September. Also, he hopes to schedule a leadership Retreat to develop goals for the coming year. The Nominations Committee has not yet found someone to Chair the Community Services Committee when Judi Greenier steps down early this summer. It has been suggested that there could be openings for community service within the church but Bill Thomas added that a church person would have to supervise.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Claire Hodgkins, Secretary.

SONQuest Rainforest Registration Form

Name _____

Birthdate _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone (_____) _____

Cell phone (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Parent(s) name(s) _____

Parent(s) work phone(s) _____

In case of emergency, contact _____

Allergies or other medical conditions _____

School grade just completed _____

Name of home church, if any _____



SonQuest Rainforest Vacation Bible School - July 11-15, 2016

You can complete this form ahead of time and return it to the church office! Encourage your children to invite their friends!

Vacation Bible School Volunteers

July 11 to 15, 2016

Here's a great opportunity to reach out to children in our community! Vacation Bible School has lots of ways for you to volunteer to reach children. Please fill out the form below and let us know what you would like to do. Call Rev. Tim, Michele Sterner or Denise Witmer to find out more about a particular position or volunteer area. Our first volunteer meeting was held Wednesday, May 11 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Organizing Leaders Needed

Co-Directors/MCs:

(Michele Sterner & Denise Witmer)

Music Leader (Denise Witmer)

Arts & Crafts Leader

Daily Snacks Leader

Games Leader

Bible Teacher (pre-school)

Bible Teacher (first & second grade)

Bible Teacher (third & fourth grade)

Bible Teacher (fifth & sixth grade)

Skits Leader

Decorations

Registration (Bobbi Pelletier)

Technical/Sound Person

Publicity Coordinator (Bobbi Pelletier)



We need volunteer helpers starting in seventh grade on up to help in all the areas above even if it is just for a day. Leadership positions can also be split if the task needs to be divided by responsibility or time during the week. We will need group leaders to simply take each grouping of children from one activity to another.

Sign-up Form (tear off and turn in)

I would like to serve as a leader in: _____

I would like to be a helper in the area(s) of: _____

Name: _____ Phone _____

Anything else you would like us to know:

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JUNE!!!

Wednesday	01	6:00pm	Handbell Choir Practice
Thursday	02	6:30pm	Worship Committee Meeting in Kitchen
Saturday	04	8:30-9:30am	Moms in Prayer Meeting in Library

Sunday	05	8:45am 10:00am	Sunday School Worship - Third Sunday after Pentecost; Sunday School Recognition
		1:00pm	Confirmation Class at Maine Veterans' Home (Mission Project)
Tuesday	07	6:30pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting in Library
Wednesday	08	12:00pm	Jennie Lyon Circle Potluck Luncheon & Meeting
		6:00pm	Handbell Choir Practice
		6:30pm	Crown of Maine Quilters at Gray Memorial UMC, Caribou
Thursday	09	6:30pm	SPRC Meeting at Church
Saturday	11	8:30-9:30am	Moms in Prayer Meeting in Library

Sunday	12	10:00am	Worship - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost; Graduation Sunday
Tuesday	14	9:30am	UMW Meeting at Church
		10:30am	Evangelism Committee Meeting at Church
Wednesday	15	9:30am	UMW Cookbook Committee Meeting at Church
Saturday	18	8:30-9:30am	Moms in Prayer Meeting in Library

Sunday	19	10:00am	Worship - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost; Father's Day; Confirmation Sunday
Tuesday	21	1:00pm	Alzheimer Support Group in Fellowship Hall
		6:00pm	Trustee Meeting at Church
Thursday	23	6:00pm	Finance/Stewardship Meeting in Kitchen
		6:30pm	Church Council Meeting in Kitchen
Saturday	25	8:30-9:30am	Moms in Prayer Meeting in Library
		8:30am	UMM Breakfast & Meeting at Church

Sunday	26	10:00am	Worship - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
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