



September 2016

A Word from the Pastor

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” -- Ecclesiastes 3:1

I sometimes say that about the time I have found out what works during a particular time in our children's lives, they have already moved on to the next phase. Time does not stand still. I am guessing that most of you can point to a variety of weekly schedules as you look over different times in your lives. Whether when we change jobs, move, have various relationships come and go from our lives, or take on or give up responsibilities, the ebb and flow of our lives do change over the years.

I am at a time in life where those changes come rapidly for the five of us living at 8 Prospect Street. Much of this change comes not only as the children grow older but also as their school schedules change each year. Although some conflicts in church and family schedules are to be expected, some aspects of the weekly schedule did not work well. What worked or I thought would work a year ago schedule-wise now needs refinement.

To facilitate a greater and more consistent presence for family and school activities while maintaining ample time for ministry, I will be experimenting with two changes. One change is with my weekly schedule. Beginning with the week of September 11, I will move my usual day off to Mondays. Appointments at church and times for visits will be available on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday-Friday each week. Within those days, I expect to spend most of my office time at the church with more time in the mornings than at present. I will also be experimenting later in the fall with having one block of office time somewhere in the community. More information about that will come later. I will evaluate this entire schedule with SPRC sometime in early 2017.

Also as of September 11 I will have new contact information. This is the second area of change. This information is all included on the card/tear off insert on page 6 that you can cut out and put on your refrigerator for future reference. The email address was going to have to be changed in any case. In working with the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, we are hoping that the regular use of a cell phone will accomplish at least two goals. One will be simplifying the process of how to reach me by phone. A second goal will be to lessen the degree to which the parsonage number needs to be used for church business. Recent pastors have had their office at the parsonage and from what I understand, that worked well for them. In our case, particularly with children at home, we think having a greater demarcation between church business and home life at the parsonage will be helpful more helpful for us. For example, various members of the family often have to “play secretary” or greet people at the door who they do not know or for whom they do not know how to respond in many cases. Life as a pastor's family is sometimes compared to living in a fish bowl, and while some of this goes with the proverbial territory, any opportunity for normalcy in the family life benefits not only the family but typically the church as well. The disposition of the pastor's family, whether good or otherwise, usually finds its way into the life of the church. Contacting the parsonage is, of course, still most appropriate in times of emergency, for personal business or when you need to reach others of the Wilcox family. I also do regularly pick up any messages left for me at church when I am out of the office, so the church office phone remains a good way to communicate with me.

All of these changes are being done with the overall goal of more efficient and effective ministry. If you have questions about any of these changes or ideas that I might want to consider, do let me know. In the meantime, consider how your allocation of time affects your life and ministry. How might your own weekly schedule be a tool for more effective ministry and relationships in your life? Have a wonderful September!

Grace and peace,
Rev. Tim



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Greetings from the Church Office!

Please remember to notify the Church Office if you move or change your phone numbers or other contact information. It is important to keep the membership/constituent records database updated.

Our September Calendar on the last page certainly reflects our busier schedule! Please make sure you keep a copy of this calendar handy so you don't miss a meeting or event!

A sermon series, based on the book *Half Truths* by Adam Hamilton, will begin on Sunday, September 18th. It should be quite thought provoking.

As the September Newsletter is going to press, there are conversations happening about additional adult classes. Stay tuned for more information.

Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 11th at 8:45am.

Until next month.....

Bobbi Pelletier
Church Secretary



Draft copies of a new church directory will be circulated during Worship and Coffee Fellowship for a few Sundays in September. Please verify the information for you and any of your family members so we can make sure it is accurate before a new Church Directory is published.



July 31st & August Prayer Concerns

Prayer Concerns: Debbie & Lu Sharp, Judi McKee, Dot Matson, Betty Branscom, Robert Cashman, Albert Akeley, Steve O'Shaugnessy, Bob Ellinwood, Ken Peters, Ralph Ferguson, Todd Beacott, Roger Thompson, Pam Mooers, Ken Beach, Mary Ouellette, Al Akeley, Arlene Doody, Bob Hemingway, Katrina Williams, Eileen Forbes, Eloise Penny, Will Barnum

On Family Death: The family of Robert Sawyer; family of George Kimball; family of Hale Armstrong; family of Dick Smeltzer; family of Terri Guillemette; family of Helen Chabot

Other: Nations of Israel & Palestine; All who serve in harm's way; "Our Country"; safe travels for Susan & Richard Clark while on vacation; peace in Syria; Doris Jeffery on her 95th 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!

Correspondence Received:

Hello Rev. Tim Wilcox,

Thank you so much for all the prayers and from the group that made my prayer scarf, due to the heat we have here I have yet to wear it but keep it close and handy. I would like to send you an offering for the group that knits the scarfs because we need to make more and pray more as there are a lot of people suffering from many diseases. I lay next to others that also need prayers. So for me and all patients at Beth Israel thank you all again. Rob Cashman (Keep up the good word and the good work!)

Note from Bob Ellinwood: In appreciation to the members and friends at Gray Memorial, for their prayers, cards and phone calls during my recent operation and hospital stay, please accept mine and Gwen's thanks for the support. God Bless you all.

REMINDERS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LITURGIST</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>COUNTER</u>	<u>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP</u>
September 4	David DeMerchant	Phyllis Billing & Audrey Bubar	Elsie Doody	Trustees
September 11	Margaret Cyr	Barbara & Dale Dee	Elsie Doody	Evangelism & Worship
September 18	Samuela Manages	Judi & Louis Greenier	Phyllis Billing	SPRC
September 25	Debbie Nichols	Jean & Steve Cashman	Phyllis Billing	Worship Committee

Usher Coordinator: Conrad Walton

Evangelism Greeters: Sep 4-Betty Branscom; Sep 11-Betty Branscom; Sep 18-Ruthann Weeks; Sep 25-Ruth Ross

Communion Stewardess: Joeline Boucher

Acolytes: Sep 4-Darrell Adams & Friedrich Wilcox; Sep 11-Alden Wilcox & Matthew Smith;
Sep 18-Lauren Craig & Miles Collier; Sep 25-Darrell Adams & Alden Wilcox

Child Care Volunteers: Sep 4-Jennifer Craig; Sep 11-Diane Fitzpatrick; Sep 18-Meagan Irving; Sep 25-Diana Locke

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!

TBA = To Be Announced

* * September Birthdays & Anniversaries * *



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| 1 | Kristi Bell | 17 | Anna Jandreau |
| 2 | Rebecca Griffeth | 19 | Connor DeMerchant, Del Ramey |
| 4 | Angie Harbert, Nicole Rainey, David Silsbee | 21 | Christopher Silsbee, Daryla Simon |
| 5 | Gail Hagelstein | 22 | Justin McLauchlan, Jennifer Sherman |
| 8 | Sonny St. Peter | 23 | Joyce Knorr, Robert Mockler,
Lisa Wilcox |
| 9 | Cherie Black, Ben Sharp | 25 | Dave Wakana, Dawn Westman |
| 10 | Robert Locke | 26 | Ian McLauchlan, Kyle Staples |
| 11 | Marie Beckum | 27 | Emmett Ross |
| 12 | Lydia Kieffer-Till, Thelma Mockler | 28 | Reta Haley |
| 14 | Kim Barnes, Rey Washington | 29 | Bob Norsworthy |
| 16 | Peter Campbell, Ruth Ross | | |



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| 1 | Lynne Josselyn & Larry Conrad | 5 | Sheila & Dave Belyea |
| 3 | Jennifer & Scott Branscom | 8 | Carol & Francis Cyr |
| 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>
July 31	78	\$2,663.00
August 7	67	\$4,158.00
August 14	98	\$2,410.00
August 21	83	\$2,448.00 (Outdoor Service by the Garden)
August 28	92	\$3,223.15

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 August 28th, our balance is \$27,451.14. The proceeds from our annual Chicken BBQ held on August 6th (\$2,395.00) were deposited into this account and earmarked for the Fellowship Hall floor replacement project. The UMW Cookbook proceeds will also go towards this project.



Saturday, September 10 – Prayer Shawl Ministry Brunch at Lidstone UMC, Washburn, 10am-noon

Saturday, November 12 – UMW Soup Luncheon & Jennie Lyon Bake Sale, 11am-1pm

Thursday, November 24 – UMW Thanksgiving Dinner (reservations required), 1:00pm

Changes to 2013 Photo Directory:

Morgans, Eric – new address: 20 Pinecrest Avenue, Sabattus ME 04280

Sawyer, Robert – deceased 8/4/16

Shields, Laurie – change of address: 210 Towering Oaks Ln, Longview TX 75602-7632

Sayers, Nicole (previously Nicole McCluskey) – 4 Kents Way, Benton ME 04901; husband – Michael; children – Maisie & Nolan



This year's Sunday School sessions
begin on September 11th
at 8:45am!! Mark your calendar!

Rev. Timothy Wilcox

Email: thirddtimothy98@gmail.com

Phone: 498-2103 (GMUMC office)

551-7924 (cell)

492-0371 (emergencies, Wilcox family)

Appointments are ordinarily available on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday-Friday each week at Gray Memorial UMC and for visits.

* Monday is Rev. Tim's usual day off.

Because a pastor's schedule is highly variable week to week and can change on short notice, please call ahead if you are making a special trip to GMUMC.

* Beginning September 11, 2016



Dan Schall will share his music ministry with us on Sunday, September 11th during our 10:00am Worship Service!

PICTURES FROM WORSHIP SERVICES!



Judi Greenier was our pianist for Sunday, July 31st!



The Maine Event provided wonderful special music on Sunday, August 7th. Members are (from left to right): Dan Olson, Herman Fisher, Bob Cormier and Dean Rauch.



August 14th - Diane Fitzpatrick presented our new District Superintendent, Rev. Jackie Brannen, with a prayer shawl.



The "Wicox Family Ringers" provided special music on Sunday, August 14th!



Pictures taken of our "Worship Service by the Garden" on Sunday, August 22nd!

The canopy, provided by the Collins Family, was erected on the lawn area in front of the Memorial Garden. Several church members gathered to erect the canopy on Thursday afternoon. The chairs were placed on Sunday morning.



Our Memorial Garden is in FULL bloom this year! A great backdrop to our outside service!

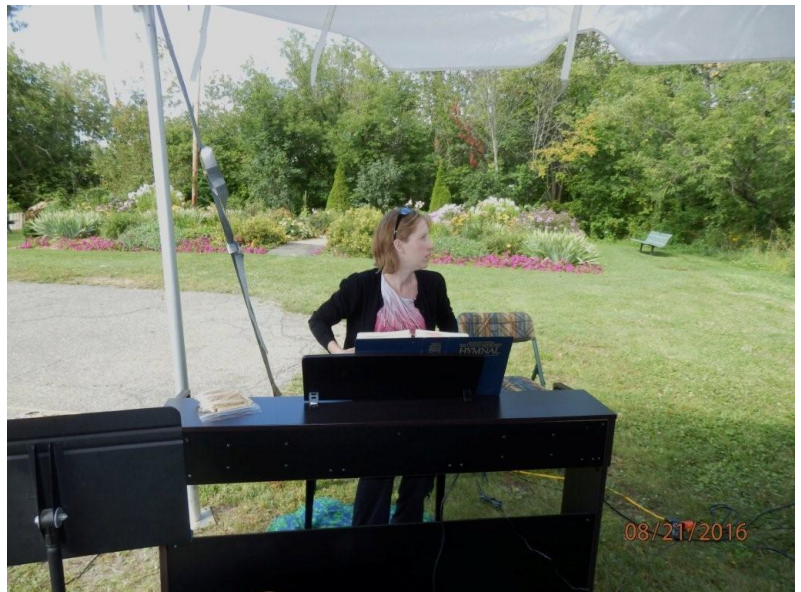


The seating area accommodated nearly 100 people! Attendance was great - a total of 83 adults and children were here to enjoy the service.

Neal Genz, Margaret Cyr & Bobbi Pelletier prepare the table altar for the service.



Our pianist, Sarah Diette, prepares the piano area.



Bob Thompson was in charge of the sound system, so he helped Sarah and Rev. Tim ensure everything was working properly!





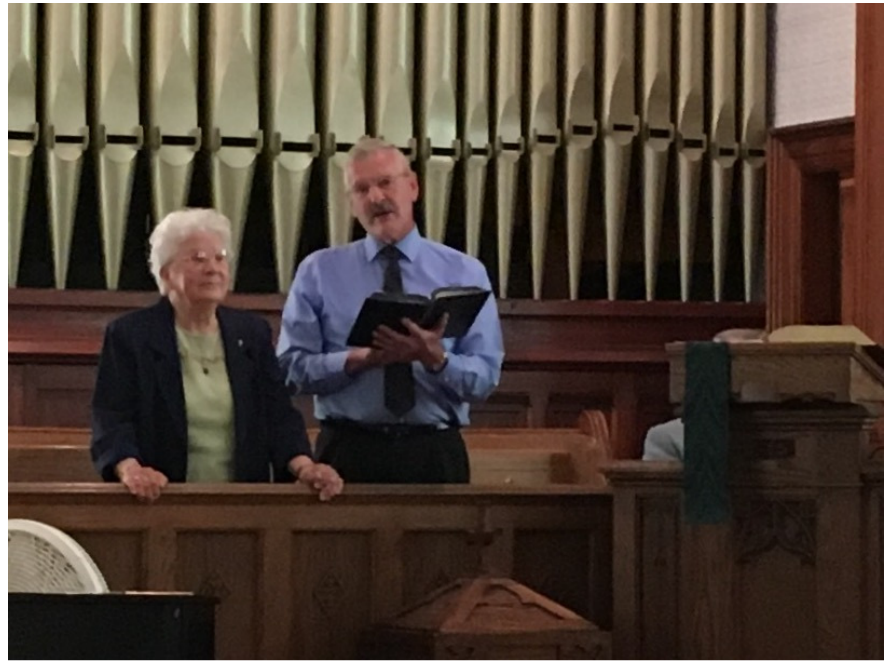
Special music during the service was provided by Sean and Sarah Diette.



Pictures of the congregation attending this special "Service by the Garden"!

Sean Diette with his daughter Abigale!





Florence Gallagher and Del Ramey teamed up to provide special music for Sunday, August 28th! What a treat!



Doris Jeffery as she arrives for Worship on August 28th!



Flowers near altar to celebrate Doris' 95th Birthday (August 29th)!

OTHER "KODAK MOMENTS"



Take some time to take a look at this unique and interesting library display of "Caribou's Early Churches"! Created by Wendy Bossie!



Birthday & Anniversary Cake on Sunday, August 7th!



Special cake for DS Rev. Jackie Brannen on Sunday, August 14th!



Special cake on August 28th to celebrate Doris Jeffery's 95th Birthday!

CHICKEN BBQ FINANCIAL REPORT - 2016

REVENUE:	
MEALS	\$2,547.00
COMMITTEE DONATIONS	215.00
CASH DONATIONS	50.00
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP FOOD SALES	228.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$3,040.00
EXPENSES:	
CHICKEN 330 HALVES/553 LBS.	\$575.00
COLESLAW SUPPLIES-DONATION (BURGER BOY)	0.00
SAM'S CLUB SUPPLIES: PLATES	PAID
TAKE OUT CONTAINERS 2 SIZES ETC.	PAID
POTATO SALAD MATERIALS-DONATIONS-\$68.91	PAID
ROLLS & BEANS EXPENSES-DONATION \$110.00	\$50.00
CHARCOAL SUPPLIES-DONATION \$47.89	PAID
BBQ SAUCE MATERIALS-DONATION \$32.37	PAID
DRINKS- WATER, SODA, ETC.-(DONATION YOUTH \$75.01)	PAID
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$20.00
TOTAL CASH EXPENSES	\$645.00
NET CASH PROFIT	\$2,395.00

OTHER DONATIONS:
POTATOES, CHARCOAL, FLUID, THANKS TO THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN MAKING THIS ANOTHER GREAT FUND RAISER FOR YOUR CHURCH... PROCEEDS FROM THE EVENT ARE BEING DEPOSITED IN THE "CAPITAL ACCOUNT" FOR THE DINING ROOM AREA...
THANKS, BOB THOMPSON & DAVE BELYEA



The Lidstone Memorial UMC Prayer Shawl Ministry is hosting the annual brunch on Saturday, September 10th from 10am to noon! This is a wonderful opportunity for local prayer shawl ministries to get together and share stories and wonderful new ideas!

COOKBOOK ORDER FORM

The United Methodist Women of Gray Memorial United Methodist Church are now selling its new "Heavenly Delights" cookbook! This attractive 3-ring binder contains 187 favorite recipes submitted by our church families and friends and can be purchased for only \$15.00. "Heavenly Delights" will make a cherished keepsake of our church and will make a great Christmas gift for family and friends.

Order today – no money due until you receive your cookbook. Fill out form below and return to marked box in our Narthex or mail to P.O. Box 69, Caribou ME 04736. Thank you for your support.

I/We wish to order the "Heavenly Delights" Cookbook as follows:

of cookbooks ___ @ \$15.00 each = _____ Total Due at Receipt

Name _____

Telephone _____

Cookbooks are available at the Church Office during the week from 9am – noon. Please bring a check (made out to "UMW") or cash – the correct amount is appreciated!

Jennie Lyon News:

Jennie Lyon Circle has invited Filomena Irving to their September 14th meeting. She plans to present "The Honeywell Space Academy for Educators" which she attended. She has recently retired from teaching in the Washburn School System. She is the mother of four grown children - Jonathan, Alexandra, Kenneth and Kamryn. Her "amazing husband" is Scott Irving, who is a local prominent farmer. Jennie Lyon's meeting is September 14th at 12:00 Noon for a pot luck luncheon, followed by Filomena's presentation and a business meeting. All women and friends of Gray Memorial are invited to attend. Average time for the day is 2 - 2.5 hours.

Mary Lou Brown

Special MUSIC

The Worship Committee thanks the following people who provided special music during our summer Worship Services:

June 26 – Steve Boody

July 3 – Margaret Cyr

July 10 – Back Row Group

July 17 – Kathleen Forbes & Josselyn Langworthy

July 24 – Cliff Boaz

July 31 – Judi Greenier

August 7 – The Maine Event (Dan Olson, Herman Fisher, Bob Cormier and Dean Rauch)

August 14 – Wilcox Family Ringers (Tamara, Friedrich, Alden & Althea)

August 21 – Sarah & Sean Diette

August 28 – Florence Gallagher & Del Ramey

September 4 – Sarah & Sean Diette

We also appreciate those who provided organ/piano music during these services:

Margaret Cyr, Mary Lou Brown, Doris Jeffery, Judi Greenier, and Sarah Diette

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER!!!

Thursday	01	9:30am	History & Records Committee Meeting at Church
Friday	02	4:00pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	03	4:00pm	Wedding - Nicole Thibodeau & Ryan Cousins

Sunday	04	10:00am	Worship - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Communion
Monday	05	FEDERAL HOLIDAY - LABOR DAY - CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED	
Tuesday	06	6:30pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting at Church
Wednesday	07	6:30pm	Senior Choir Practice (first of new season!)
Thursday	08	3:00pm	Wedding Rehearsal
		6:30pm	SPRC Meeting at Church
Saturday	10	10:00am-12:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Brunch at Lidstone Memorial, Washburn
		3:30pm	Wedding - Casey Nichols & Corey Felix

Sunday	11	8:30am	Adult Study in Library - <i>Half Truths</i> (first session)
		8:45am	Sunday School (first session of new season)
		10:00am	Worship - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost; Grandparent's Day; <u>Dan Schall Ministry</u>
		11:30am	Education Committee Meeting in Library
		11:30am	Handbell Choir Practice (first of new season!)
Tuesday	13	9:30am	UMW Meeting at Church
		10:30am	Evangelism Committee Meeting at Church
		6:30pm	"Terrific Tuesdays Ministry" with Michele (first session!)
Wednesday	14	12:00pm	Jennie Lyon Circle Potluck Luncheon & Meeting; Special Presentation: "The Honeywell Space Academy for Educators" by Filomena Irving
		6:30pm	Northern Maine Quilters at Grant Memorial UMC, Presque Isle
		6:30pm	Senior Choir Practice

Sunday	18	8:30am	Adult Study in Library - <i>Half Truths</i>
		8:45am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Prayer Shawl Dedication
		11:30am	Handbell Choir Practice
Tuesday	20	1:00pm	Alzheimer's Support Group in Fellowship Hall
		6:00pm	Trustee Meeting at Church
		6:30pm	"Terrific Tuesdays Ministry" with Michele
Wednesday	21	6:30pm	Senior Choir Practice
Thursday	22	FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN!!!!	
		6:00pm	Finance/Stewardship Committee Meeting at Church
		6:30pm	Church Council Meeting at Church
Saturday	24	8:30am	UMM Breakfast & Meeting at Church

Sunday	25	8:30am	Adult Study in Library - <i>Half Truths</i>
		8:45am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
		11:30am	Handbell Choir Practice
Monday	26	DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS!	
Tuesday	27	6:30pm	"Terrific Tuesdays Ministry" with Michele
Wednesday	28	6:30pm	Senior Choir Practice
