

A Word from the Pastor

This year's presidential election has frequently been described as one of the more unusual in American history. Many people are really grappling with how they will vote. Sometimes lost amidst all the political theater are the issues that are a part of this election cycle. It is not always easy for a Christian to decide how to apply their faith to the topics at hand. As I will do this year, I have often over the years developed an election year sermon series on some of the most talked about topics. I do it with some trepidation knowing that these issues generate a wide range of opinions and can be rather emotionally charged. My goal, however, is not to tell you for whom to vote or how to vote. My goal is not to provide a partisan angle on today's pressing issues. Rather, I intend for us to think about how our faith informs our positions. I want us to think. I will present material that is largely derived from the United Methodist Social Principles and the resolutions of our denomination. These are one take, the consensus or majority of those we collectively send to General Conference. These principles and resolutions are themselves intended to be persuasive and a significant part of the development of our own positions. Agreement with them are not, however, required to be a "good" Methodist. Indeed, I expect that people will be all over the political and theological spectrum. I expect that you might agree with some points and disagree with others. This is fine. People of upstanding faith can arrive at different conclusions from sound biblical and theological principles. I actually think it is a strength of our denomination that we have room for such a diversity of thought. What I do hope is that you will gain insight into how your faith informs your own positions. I would like the words we sing and pray and preach each week to inform more than belief in our heads but also the actions of our lives. Some people would argue that religion and politics don't belong together. Although I wouldn't want a state church or a theocratic government, I do expect that we can apply the principles of our faith to the conduct of our own lives. The evidence from scripture is that we are to live out our faith in the living of our lives. When faced with our choices each day we can ask, "What would Jesus do?" and seek to follow his example and the collected wisdom of our forebears.

I have listed the topics I will cover below. The adult Sunday School class each of those Sundays will be an opportunity for more in-depth study and conversation. Plan to come join us. Please feel free to ask to talk with me about any of these topics individually as well. One other topic, that of race, is one I will address but will do so in January on a Sunday close to Martin Luther King, Jr. day.

I know that many of you are giving a lot of thought to how you will vote this fall and you are weighing many factors. My prayer is that our faith will be a significant part of informing us in that process in whatever way you ultimately decide to vote and/or participate in this year's election.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Tim

Oct. 23--Immigration; Oct. 30--The Economy/pocketbook matters; Nov. 6--Relations with Muslims; Election
Postscript (Nov. 13)--Public Discourse

Developing Story: [Fruitful Congregations](#) – Gray Memorial UMC has been given an opportunity to participate in the "Fruitful Congregations Project" along with United Methodists from across the country. More details can be found on page 13 in the "Pastor's Time" section of the Church Council meeting and we will have a presentation in Worship in early October. There will be 7 sessions spread out over a year and a half. Anyone can participate though we'd like to have at least 6 from our congregation be part of the process. Please see Rev. Tim if you are interested or if you'd like to know more.



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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.

Over the past few weeks, things have gone missing or moved from the church office – if you take or “borrow” something from the office, please leave me a note! I’ve thought on several days that I might be forgetful when things mysteriously disappear, so please help me keep track of things. Also, please don’t “drop things off” in the office if you don’t know where else to put it! I need your help in reducing the clutter in the office. Thanks for your support!

I am still auditing the new Church Directory and hope to publish it in October!

I will be on vacation from Tuesday, October 11th through Tuesday, October 18th. During that time, Ruthann Weeks is covering the office for me – thank you Ruthann!

Until next month.....

Bobbi Pelletier
Church Secretary



September Prayer Concerns

Prayer Concerns: Debbie & Lu Sharp, Judi McKee, Steve O'Shaughnessy, Jessie Thompson, Karen Sawyer & Family, Larry Beaupre, Mona Theriault, Kevin Ouellette, Debbie Nichols, Nate Grass, Jean & Elden Gardner, Betty Branscom, Reed Plummer, Danny Nicknair, Albert Akeley, Robert Cashman, Larae Hoff, Bonnie Hayward, Edgar Gagnon, Lori Sheehan, Glenice Craig, Zack Gagnon

On Family Death: The family of "Pit" Thibodeau; family of Ward Silsbee; family of Pauline Milliken; family of Paul Bonderson; family of Bob Moffitt; family of Phil Curless Jr.; family of Marie Staples; family of Steve O'Shaughnessy;

Other: Nations of Israel, Palestine, Syria; All who serve in harm's way; children with learning disabilities; prayers of joy for marriage of Casey Nichols & Corey Felix; Hallelujah for Susan returning to play organ!; thankfulness for Dan & Linda Schall's ministry; runners in Caribou Marathon; joy for Eric & Sarah Brown on birth of daughter Claire Elizabeth; bomb victims in NYC; Dr. Martin - special prayers upon his leaving the area and for new grandchild!

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>LITUGIST</u> | <u>GREETERS</u> | <u>COUNTER</u> | <u>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP</u> |
|-------------|------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| October 2 | David DeMerchant | Debbie Barnes & Lisa Wilcox | Phyllis Billing | Education Committee |
| October 9 | Samuela Manages | Susan & Richard Clark | Ruth Ross | Memorial Committee |
| October 16 | Del Ramey | Jeannette Belyea & Diane McDonough | Ruth Ross | Finance/Stewardship Comm. |
| October 23 | Dean Rauch | Shirley Bowman & Mary Anderson | Ruth Ross | Worship Committee |
| October 30 | Tamara Wilcox | Debbie Nichols, DeDe Nichols | Ruthann Weeks | NO VOLUNTEERS!!! |

Usher Coordinator: John Weeks

Evangelism Greeters: TBA

Communion Stewardess: Mary Ouellette

Acolytes: Oct 2-Friedrich Wilcox & Darrell Adams; Oct 9-Alden Wilcox & Matthew Smith; Oct 16-Lauren Craig & Miles Collier; Oct 23-Darrell Adams & Caleb Brown; Oct 30-Friedrich Wilcox & Matthew Smith

Child Care Volunteers: Oct 2-Samuela Manages; Oct 9-Roberta Walton; Oct 16-Meagan Irving; Oct 23-Jennifer Craig; Oct 30-Diane Fitzpatrick

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

* * October Birthdays & Anniversaries * *

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

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



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| 1 | John Griffeth | 17 | Gary Silsbee |
| 2 | Jordan Franklin | 18 | Phyllis Anderson |
| 3 | Marjie Edgecomb, Amy Wischmann | 19 | Nancy Lister |
| 4 | Betheny Anderson | 20 | Rodney Nichols |
| 5 | Vivian Bell, Kamryn Irving, Loreli Locke, Millie Pangburn | 21 | Jay Bullard, Trent Chandler |
| 8 | Louis Leavitt, Maisie Sayers | 24 | Meaghan Lombard |
| 9 | Scott Branscom | 26 | Kathryn Bell, Joelene Boucher, Denise Levesque |
| 11 | Kristin McBreairty | 27 | Roland Thibodeau |
| 12 | Jean Kessler | 28 | Barb Brehm |
| 13 | Ivan Shaw, Mary Theriault | 29 | Kim Mayne, MacKenna Smith |
| 15 | Leland Frost, Sheila Norsworthy | 30 | Arieann Davenport, Dustin Nichols, Dean Rauch, Ruthann Weeks |
| 16 | Pat Dobson, Samantha Greenier, Dale Sharp | 31 | Bob Ellinwood, Bill Thomas |



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| 4 | Amy & Jamey Reitmeyer | 14 | Tabitha & Brian Doody |
| 8 | Ruth & Emmett Ross | 16 | Sheila & David Belyea |
| 13 | Heather & Trent Chandler | 28 | Lu & Dale Sharp |

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> |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| September 4 | 78 | \$3,917.00 |
| September 11 | 94 | \$3,059.00 |
| September 18 | 91 | \$2,017.22 |
| September 25 | 88 | \$2,305.00 |

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 September 26th, our balance is \$27,847.33.



- Saturday/Sunday, October 22 & 23 – Annual Arts & Craft Fair Cookie Book, 10am-4pm
- Saturday, November 12 – UMW Soup Luncheon & Jennie Lyon Bake Sale, 11am-1pm
- Thursday, November 24 – UMW Thanksgiving Dinner (reservations required), 1:00pm

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Changes to 2013 Photo Directory:
Silsbee, Ward: deceased September 7, 2016

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These are recently announced changes to Rev. Tim's contact information and his weekly schedule:

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.

PICTURES FROM WORSHIP SERVICES!



September 11 - Banner commemorating the events of 9/11/2001



Maine State Senator Peter Edgecomb presented a legislative sentiment to Doris Jeffery in honor of her 95th Birthday!



September 11 – Dan Schall graced us with his music ministry.



Diane Fitzpatrick presented prayer shawls to Linda and Dan Schall.



Sep 18 - Flowers in the sanctuary from the Funeral Service for Ward Silsbee on September 15th.



Prayer Shawls and baby blankets presented for dedication on September 18th.



Diane Fitzpatrick talks a little about the Prayer Shawl Ministry; Rev. Tim blesses the work of Prayer Shawl Ministry members.



Judi Greenier announces that the Boston Post Cane was awarded to Elizabeth Cochran on Sep 3rd. She asked Elizabeth to come forward to be recognized; Neal Genz escorted her to the front of the sanctuary. Here is an excerpt from the newspaper: "For more than 100 years, the Boston Post Cane has been awarded to the oldest residents of 700 small New England towns. More than 400 of the canes are still in circulation, passing from one elder to the next. But it's becoming harder to find people who appreciate an award for being old. The Golden Cane was given to Woodland Maine's (Aroostook County) oldest citizen Elizabeth (Fowler) Cochran at the age of 94 today, Sept. 3, 2016 with 100 of your closest friends and family in attendance."



Diane Fitzpatrick greets Elizabeth and presents her with a prayer shawl.



Rev. Tim blesses all the prayer shawls.



Elizabeth sitting with her daughter

OTHER "KODAK MOMENTS"



Sep 11 - Special cake for Dan & Linda Schall



Sep 18 - Tamara Wilcox leads the first handbell practice!



Neal Genz at the UMM Meeting on Saturday, September 25th. Neal is stepping down as UMM President – Dave DeMerchant assumes that role and Dave Belyea will become the Secretary and Treasurer.

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!

AROOSTOOK RSVP REQUEST FOR YOUR YARN

Did you know that last year RSVP volunteers from the Aroostook Retired and Senior Volunteer Program contributed over 1,500 knit items to the communities of Aroostook County? Hundreds of pairs of mittens, hundreds of hats, socks, scarves, blankets and baby sets were distributed to local schools, ACAP, the Pregnancy Care Center, the Homeless Shelter, hospitals, nursing homes, and other organizations. Our dedicated knitters are already working to get ahead of next year's snowfall but we need your help. WE NEED YARN. We can use wool, cotton, acrylic, blends or any other type you have. Do you have a bag of yarn in your closet? If you would like to donate please call Aroostook RSVP at 764-3396 or 1-800-439-1789 and we'll arrange a pick-up. Thank you for helping us so we can help others.

If you bring in a serving dish/plate for coffee fellowship or any of our suppers, PLEASE have your name on it so we know who to return it to. It would help us if you retrieve all of your articles immediately following the event as we end up collecting a lot of dishware over time and we just do not have room to store it or a need for it! Thank you!

CHORAL SOCIETY TO CELEBRATE 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The Caribou Choral Society will begin rehearsals for its 40th Anniversary Christmas concerts on Tuesday, September 27, 7:00pm, at the Mormon Church Recreation Room, Paris Snow Drive, Caribou. Rehearsals will continue every Tuesday prior to concerts at the same time & location, so you can join the group within the first couple of weeks. Dues are \$12 per person to help us cover the cost of new music. All area singers interested in singing advanced four-part music are encouraged to join, especially former Choral Society members. The concerts, entitled *40 YEARS OF FAVORITES*, will be held in Madawaska on Dec. 4, Presque Isle and Caribou on Dec. 9 and 10. For more information, call Dan Ladner, conductor, at 764-1482 or David Wilson, president, 455-8374.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES 9-22-16

ATTENDEES: Diane McDonough (Chair), Claire Hodgkins, Susan White, Steve Cashman, Shirley Bowman, Debbie Barnes, David W. DeMerchant, Bobbi Pelletier and Rev. Tim Wilcox.

Diane McDonough called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM in the church library. Rev. Tim said a brief prayer, and the Council approved the minutes of the last meeting as published and printed, followed by the following committee reports:

CLUSTER:

Social Action Award - Please continue thinking about possible recipients for 2016. Applications are available from Leona Michaud if needed. Leona provided a list of past recipients – thank you, Leona!

District Lay Servants Committee - Advanced lay servant classes are available online at www.beadisciple.com. Pastor Stephen planned to offer the United Methodist Beliefs class but scheduling was an issue. He has postponed it until after harvest and will condense the class to 2 or 3 longer classes instead of 5 or 6 shorter sessions. The classes will be held at Mars Hill UMC so that it will be in a more central location to ease travel for participants.

There will be a welcoming service for the new D.S. on Oct. 15th at the Old Town UMC. Bishop's Day will be Oct. 27th at Hampton Highlands from 2pm to 4 pm with clergy and laity together.

John Defelice is serving Mapleton UMC as full-time pulpit supply. Chris Dare remains pastor of record.

Ella Stevens coordinated persons to provide pulpit supply to Portage for the summer of 2016. The church (a Congregational Church) stayed open this summer and service was provided largely by United Methodists from various churches. Chris will be in touch with Rev. Tim Stohlberg (UCC pastor in PI) to discuss the future.

Upcoming classes at Gray Memorial – the "Twelve Women of the Bible" sessions start on Monday October 17th. This 12-week study will run for 6 weeks from Oct 17th through Nov 21st and then resume in January. Classes are Monday 10am-11:30am and 6:00pm – 7:30pm. *NOTE: The "Twelve Women of the Bible" book study was replaced with a study of the book "From Eve to Esther", an 8 week study which will run for 6 weeks until November 21st.* 4-week "The Redemption of Scrooge" class on Sunday mornings 8:45am-9:45am and Tuesdays, 1pm-2pm beginning Nov 29th.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Diane announced that Memorials Committee would take over the needs of the Ecumenical Food Pantry while this committee rebuilds. The Caribou Craft Fair will be Oct. 22-23 and concern arose as to the viability of the Cookie Booth. The spot is paid for. Rev. Tim will touch base with Duska Franklin to see if she would coordinate that with volunteers. Hopefully Leland Frost would assist.

EDUCATION AND FAMILY MINISTRIES: Steve Cashman reports that Sunday school has gotten off to a good start but that it would be nice to get 5 to 10 more children and youth to come. The Committee has decided that there will only be 3 Sundays that Sunday school would not meet this year, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. The Sunday school needs substitute teachers. Also, long range plans for various items are being discussed.

EVANGELISM: No Report

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP: Shirley Bowman reported that Regular Offerings for August amounted to \$12,186.15 and other sources of \$53 for an Anniversary party, Upper Room Reimbursement of \$2, Special Funds for church use totaling \$3,217.07, plus Special Funds that were not for church use amounting to \$78.10 brought the total to \$15,536.32.

The August Checkbook:

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| Beginning Balance | \$6,321.97 |
| 2016 Operating Income | 12,239.15 |
| Interest | .73 |
| Less EFT fee | (16.75) VANCO fees (EFT & Direct Deposit) |
| Less Expenses | (11,386.59) |
| Ending Balance | 7,158.51 |

Susan White noted the line titled "Youth Ministry" in Special Funds for Church Use totaling \$536.45 and plans to discuss how to best use this money with her Committee (SPRC). These funds were originally donated for a position of Youth Pastor which was not filled.

The Capital Account Seed Money Fund had a Beginning Balance of \$24,584.14. Deposits amounted to \$2,868.19 with no expenditures bringing the total to \$27,452.33.

We continue to be paid up until October 31st in Mission shares. Expenditures for the month of August totaled \$11,386.59 on programs, staff salaries, maintenance, and Pastor Compensation package.

The Dead River Fuel balances for the Church was \$3,597.62 and the Parsonage was \$879.75.

Debbie Barnes reported that the August Budget target was \$130,488.33. Tithes & Offerings were \$122,279.10, and total expenses amounted to \$123,302.95. There were no unpaid bills and the average attendance for August was 85 bringing the average attendance to date at 96. The 2016 Annual Budget is \$195,732.50 which requires a monthly offering of \$16,311.04 and a weekly offering of \$3,693.07. The Committee will be scheduling an audit.

The Council voted to approve the Pastor's Compensation Package as recommended by the Finance and Stewardship Committee.

HISTORY & RECORDS: The Committee discussed the future of the Committee as there are now only three members. The Committee will discuss how best to proceed with home projects when it meets in October.

MEMORIALS: Diane McDonough reported that the Committee has decided neither to continue the "Rags to Riches" clothing project nor to hold the fall yard sale. The Committee will sponsor Gray Memorial's responsibility to the Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry while the Community Service Committee rebuilds. Diane attended the Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry meeting and learned it needs donations of Hamburger Helper and all kinds of pasta. Also, it needs volunteers to show up on Thursday mornings to assist in unloading foodstuffs that arrive at various times during the week. Gray Memorial is responsible for volunteering to work on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the months of November and May. Please contact Diane if you wish to be a volunteer representing Gray Memorial.

SPRC: Susan White reported her Committee welcomed new members Meagan Irving, Karen White, Beth Alden, Michelle Nichols, and Susan White. Goals were set for the year with focus on reviewing job descriptions and salary agreements. Susan Clark agreed to return to the position of organist. The Committee is preparing for the October 22nd Church Conference. The Pastor's Compensation package, which had been approved by SPRC and the Finance Committee, was approved tonight, by the Church Council. The Committee will be meeting with the District Superintendent to submit required paperwork.

The Pastor's Compensation Package calls for a \$2,000.00 raise in salary from \$46,000 to \$48,000. With the addition of Social Security payments, pension, and health insurance contributions, the total package comes to \$66,228.00.

The SPRC respectfully requests that unauthorized persons not enter the office area during the official offering counting business on Sunday mornings to protect the privacy and anonymity of donors. The door will be locked. The Congregation will be informed.

TRUSTEES: No report

UMM: No report. David DeMerchant has taken the old electronics that was stored in the shed to a public drop off so the shed cleaning project is now completed.

UMW: Bobbi Pelletier reported that her Committee held a Pie Sale on July 1st with proceeds of \$351.00. It provided refreshments for Connie Harmon's Memorial service on July 28th and the recent Memorial service for Ward Silsbee on September 15th. UMW provided rhubarb cake for dessert at the August 6th Chicken BBQ.

The Cookbook Committee completed the project and received the cookbooks in late August. With pre-orders and subsequent sales we have covered the cost of the cookbooks. We still have quite a few to sell and plan to sell them at the Cookie Booth on October 22/23. Proceeds are earmarked for the Capital Account for floor replacement in the basement. UMW will be seeking new officers for 2017. The next UMW event will be a Soup & Sandwich luncheon on Saturday, Nov. 14th from 11 am to 1 pm. Jennie Lyon Circle will have a bake sale. UMW will be serving Thanksgiving dinner again this year.

Jennie Lyon Circle went out to lunch at the Par & Grill in July; potluck lunch in August followed by a slide show of Bobbi's trip to Alaska; potluck lunch in September with a presentation from Mena Irving on her trip to the Honeywell "Space Camp" Academy for Educators to experience some of what astronauts do to train for their missions, such as rock climb, jump out of a helicopter into the ocean, and get out of a sunken plane and get to the surface. She raised enough money to take 3 students on a second trip to "Space Camp".

The Prayer Shawl Ministry had its 4th annual brunch and meeting at Lidstone Memorial UMC on September 10th in Washburn. We will host the event next year. A prayer shawl dedication was held on Sept. 18th. There are an abundance of blessed shawls in the office; at October's meeting the group will discuss donating some to various worthy organizations or shelters.

WORSHIP: The summer events included the Summer Musicale in July; a new summer banner with a butterfly was purchased; an outdoor service on August 21st.

The biggest drawback in putting on the outdoor service is putting up the tent. We discussed paying S.W. Collins to do it, trying to find more volunteers which is a problem, or renting a tent that the company would put up and take down. We also considered not having the outdoor service. We tabled this until spring.

New Ushering Guidelines have been printed up with a few additional responsibilities added.

We are continually working on the Order of Worship to make it flow better. To cut down on Announcement Time we ask people to put their prayer concerns on the form in the Narthex. A new Flower Chart will be in the Narthex in the next couple of weeks.

Items to be discussed during the next meeting will include: Having the Laity participate in Children's Time, Laity Sunday in Oct., Special fall services, and Advent themes.

Donations have been given the choir in memory of Bob Sawyer and Ward Silsbee which will be used to purchase something in their memory at some point.

PASTOR'S TIME: Rev. Tim reported the highlights of his busy summer with 3 weddings, 3 funerals, camp counselor at Mechuwana, attending Annual Conference. Annual Conference generated a lot of questions about the ruling on hot button issues like same sex marriage and ordination of gay persons. He has started a new study using the Hamilton book. Rev. Tim was given a year to settle in before being given a District Committee assignment. He will now be on a Committee that mentors pastors. He and the District Finance Committee will be mentoring the new lay pastor for Mapleton. He has three people who will be doing the Disciple II study.

Rev. Tim reported that he and Diane McDonough had discussed what the next steps of church growth could be. Rev. Chris Dare of Grant Memorial has issued an invitation to participate in the next level of the Fruitful Congregation Journey. The Council would like to invite Chris to come and speak to the congregation in October about this project. It is scheduled to begin in November with three meetings this year and 4 meetings next year. Churches will establish a team to meet with teams from other churches at a central location for 7 monthly learning sessions. A team would consist of the Pastor and 6 to 12 laity. It would be imperative that the lead pastor and at least 6 of the laity from a given church show up to the 7 sessions. All sessions would be on Sundays from 2pm to 5 pm. Between sessions, of what will be known as Lay Leadership Development (PLD), there would be reading assignments in the book that is part of this journey. The group would use this to analyze and develop an action plan.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting will be 10-20-16 at 6:30 pm in the church.

Respectfully submitted by Claire Hodgkins, Secretary

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OCTOBER!!!

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| Saturday | 01 | 8:30-9:30am | Moms in Prayer Meeting in the Library |
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| Sunday | 02 | 8:30am | Adult Study in Library - <i>Half Truths</i> (fourth session) |
| | | 8:45am | Sunday School |
| | | 10:00am | Worship - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost; World Communion Sunday; Communion (special offering) |
| Tuesday | 04 | 9:30am | UMW Meeting at Church (note date change!) |
| | | 6:30pm | Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting in Library |
| Wednesday | 05 | 6:00pm | Handbell Choir Practice |
| Thursday | 06 | 9:30am | History & Records Committee Meeting at Church |
| | | 11:00am | Aroostook Cluster Meeting in Mars Hill |
| | | 6:30pm | Worship Committee Meeting at Church |
| | | 6:30-7:30pm | Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen |
| Saturday | 08 | 8:30-9:30am | Moms in Prayer Meeting in the Library |
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| Sunday | 09 | 8:30am | Adult Study in Library - <i>Half Truths</i> (last session) |
| | | 8:45am | Sunday School |
| | | 10:00am | Worship - Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost |
| Monday | 10 | FEDERAL HOLIDAY - COLUMBUS DAY - CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED | |
| | | 1:00pm | Adult Study in Library - <i>Half Truths</i> (last session; <u>note date change</u>) |
| Tuesday | 11 | 6:00pm | Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry Meeting at Pantry |
| Wednesday | 12 | 12:00pm | Jennie Lyon Circle Potluck Luncheon & Meeting |
| | | 6:00pm | Handbell Choir Practice |
| | | 6:30pm | Senior Choir Practice |
| | | 6:30pm | Northern Maine Quilters at Gray Memorial UMC, Caribou |
| Thursday | 13 | 6:30-7:30pm | Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen |
| Saturday | 15 | 8:30-9:30am | Moms in Prayer Meeting in the Library |
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| Sunday | 16 | 8:30am | Adult Session in Library - Social Principles Primer |
| | | 8:45am | Sunday School |
| | | 10:00am | Worship - Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost; Laity Sunday |
| | | 11:30am | Education Committee Meeting in Library |
| Monday | 17 | 10-11:30am | "From Eve to Esther" Book Study at Church (first session) |
| | | 6-7:30pm | "From Eve to Esther" Book Study at Church (first session) |
| Tuesday | 18 | 10:30am | Evangelism Committee Meeting at Church |
| | | 6:00pm | Trustee Meeting at Church |
| | | 6:30pm | "Terrific Tuesdays Ministry" with Michele |
| Wednesday | 19 | 1:00pm | Alzheimer's Support Group in Fellowship Hall |
| | | 6:00pm | Handbell Choir Practice |
| | | 6:30pm | Senior Choir Practice |
| Thursday | 20 | 6:00pm | Finance/Stewardship Committee Meeting at Church |
| | | 6:30pm | Church Council Meeting at Church |
| | | 6:30-7:30pm | Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen |
| Friday 21 | DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER INPUT!!!!!! | | |
| Saturday | 22 | 8:30am | UMM Breakfast & Meeting at Church |
| | | 8:30-9:30am | Moms in Prayer Meeting in the Library |
| | | 10am-4pm | Cookie Booth at Caribou Arts & Crafts Fair at CHS |

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE AT CHURCH - TIME TBD

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OCTOBER!!! (continued)

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| Sunday | 23 | 8:30am | Adult Session in Library - Election Year Topics |
| | | 8:45am | Sunday School |
| | | 10:00am | Worship - Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost; Reformation Sunday |
| | | 10am-4pm | Cookie Booth at Caribou Arts & Crafts Fair at CHS |
| Monday | 24 | 10-11:30am | "From Eve to Esther" Book Study at Church (second session) |
| | | 6-7:30pm | "From Eve to Esther" Book Study at Church (second session) |
| Tuesday | 25 | 6:30pm | "Terrific Tuesdays Ministry" with Michele |
| Wednesday | 26 | 6:00pm | Handbell Choir Practice |
| | | 6:30pm | Senior Choir Practice |
| Thursday | 27 | 6:30-7:30pm | Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen |
| Saturday | 29 | 8:30-9:30am | Moms in Prayer Meeting in the Library |

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| Sunday | 30 | 8:30am | Adult Session in Library - Election Year Topics |
| | | 8:45am | Sunday School |
| | | 10:00am | Worship - Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost |
| Monday | 31 | 10-11:30am | "From Eve to Esther" Book Study at Church (third session) |
| | | 6-7:30pm | "From Eve to Esther" Book Study at Church (third session) |

