



February 2017

## A Word from the Pastor

Experience makes a big difference in how most of us view the world. When it was first announced in the New England Conference that I was being appointed to Caribou, most reactions fell into two categories. One was, “You will love it in the County.” The other was some variation of either, “Why would anyone want to go there” or “I don't think I could live there.” What I came to find out was that most people in the first group were people who had lived in Aroostook County before, who had worked here, who had vacationed here or who had family in the area. Most people in the second group had not had meaningful experience in Aroostook County. Previous experiences made a large difference in how people responded.

I have found over the years that my experiences have a significant impact on how I view the world. Experiences have brought reality, and much of the time a positive feeling, about others whether they are from Colorado (or anywhere from “away”), Britain or down the street. I have met significant numbers of people from Central America, India, eastern Asia, all over Europe and from a smattering of countries across Africa. I have read stories about people in still more countries. With each experience I find that the hopes, fears and dreams of people across the world typically have considerable similarity to my own. When I wonder why I was frightened or had prejudices about someone I did not know prior to meeting them, I find it is usually because information from other sources would fill in the gaps in my knowledge. Sometimes fear—usually of the unknown—would take root.

I hear on a regular basis a lament that people aren't going to church like they used to in the past. There are many reasons for this, but needless to say fewer people experience church as children than used to be the case. As we think about how our church might connect with the surrounding communities, we should keep in mind that we are probably unknown to a lot more people than we realize. While it is true that many could locate the church building at the corner of Sweden and Prospect Streets, it is likely more difficult for people to have a good read on what happens inside Gray Memorial UMC. Unfortunately, over the years, many people have had bad experiences of church (though not necessarily this one) in a variety of places. Sometimes, for example, a church has excluded someone because of a mistake they have made or over differences in theology. Sometimes, a pastor or member of a church has told someone, directly or indirectly, that they were not important. At other times people simply haven't been in a church or have only come for a wedding or funeral. In such cases, people will get the information from other sources. If those sources happen to be the movies, quotes in a newspaper or someone else's bad experience, what do you imagine they are going to think? Recent research indicates that it isn't unusual for a person to describe all churches as, for example, judgmental, exclusive, harsh or hypocritical, based on interactions with only a few others. For those people who might consider attending a church if not for negative stereotypes, how might we show we do not fit the stereotype? If loving relationships and concern for the world are in fact among our “best kept secrets,” how might we make our actual qualities known to more people in the Caribou region? Churches who overcome such obstacles find ways to build consistent, meaningful and positive relationships with individuals and organizations in their area. One of my prayers is that we will all seek God's guidance in using our gifts and resources to move beyond the walls of our church building to make such connections with the people of central Aroostook County.

Grace and peace,  
Rev. Tim



# Caribou Clock

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Greetings from the Church Office!

It is tax season again! Beginning Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, I will be helping prepare income tax returns for AARP at the Caribou VFW on Tuesdays and Thursdays until Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. The church office will be closed for the first day on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and hours will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am-2pm beginning February 6<sup>th</sup>. I sincerely appreciate SPRC's cooperation to allow me to help with this free tax service over the past several years!

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. Also, with new church directories, it is helpful to keep those current as changes occur.

We would like to have a better idea how many people read the *Caribou Clock*. If you are reading these words, please send an email to [graymemorial@outlook.com](mailto:graymemorial@outlook.com) or call the church office at 498-2103.

Until next month.....

Bobbi Pelletier  
Church Secretary



## January Prayer Concerns

Prayer Concerns: Debbie & Lu Sharp, Judi McKee, Ann Sinclair, Jeff Wright, Barbara Foster, Emily Stuart, Phyliss Sykes, Debra Viola, Sonia Labbe, Marilyn Langley, Don & Ron Nadeau, Dale Henderson, Ejnar Adamson, Arlene Doody, Andrea Wilson, Larry Beaupre, Robert Cashman, Sheila Belyea, Clair Mathey, Ben Johnson, Dale Henderson, Cecile Chapman, Sara Boutaugh, Hannah & Lucas Langworthy & Family, Ruth Casteel, Cheryl Martin, Connie Ennis, Ivan Shaw, Avis Armstrong (on death of daughter), Nicole Bernier, Madison Necevski

On Family Death: The family of Arlene Doody; family of Christy Armstrong; family of Sally Townsend

Other: Nations of Israel, Palestine, Syria; All who serve in harm's way

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!

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## REMINDERS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LITURGIST</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>COUNTER</u>	<u>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP</u>
Feb 5	Tamara Wilcox	Debbie & DeDe Nichols	Jean Cashman	UMW/Jennie Lyon Circle
Feb 12	Dave Belyea	Marcia & David DeMerchant	Steve Cashman	Memorial Committee
Feb 19	Mary Lou Brown	Mary & Mike Ayers	Steve Cashman	History & Records Comm.
Feb 26	Richard Clark	Mary Anderson & Diane McDonough	Steve Cashman	Worship Committee

Usher Coordinator: Ralph Ferguson

Communion Stewardess: Joelene Boucher

Acolytes: Feb 5-Alden Wilcox & Darrell Adams; Feb 12-Lauren Craig; Feb 19-Friedrich Wilcox; Feb 26-Darrell Adams

Child Care Volunteers: Feb 5-Samuela Manages; Feb 12-Debbie Barnes; Feb 19-Jennifer Craig; Feb 26-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!

# \* \* February 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  | Vince Bell, Deneane Bentum, Miles Collier,<br>Judi Greenier, Carl Soderberg | 14 | Avon Brown, Sirena Cyr             |
| 2  | Joanne Smith  | 15 | Whitney Smith                      |
| 3  | Lisa Chase  | 16 | Dale DeMerchant, Jeff Irving       |
| 5  | Austin Branscom, Gerry Willard  | 18 | Nova Cyr, Barb Dee, Cassie Westman |
| 8  | Stephen Cashman   | 19 | Winnie Bentum, Kelly Wardwell      |
| 12 | Robert Locke  | 20 | Gary Merritt                       |
| 13 | Jennifer Barker, Ryan Branscom, Jennifer Craig,<br>Page Espling, Kathy Snow | 25 | Diane McDonough, Marshall Strom    |



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|----|--------------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 12 | Patricia & Darrell Adams | 28 | Patricia & Donald Collins |
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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>
January 1	88	\$2,800.00
January 8	90	\$5,879.00
January 15	107	\$2,648.00
January 22	89	\$2,457.00
January 29	(will report in next month's Newsletter)	

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Needed to meet 2017 Budget: \$3,770.20 weekly

Capital Account Seed Money:

We continue to receive donations for the "Capital Account Seed Money" account and as of January 22nd, our balance is \$30,501.16. Even though our original Capital Campaign ended in March 2014 when all the expenses related to the church's restoration effort were paid, many devoted members continue to contribute to the account for the NEXT phase of our church's restoration/new building.

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**Changes to new November 2016 Church Directory:**

- Barnes, Debbie: new email address - [dbarnesffmaine@gmail.com](mailto:dbarnesffmaine@gmail.com) (effective January 31<sup>st</sup>)
- Lister, Nancy: new address – 18 Elm Street, Bridgton ME 04009-1249
- Ramey, Del: new email address – [deleramey@yahoo.com](mailto:deleramey@yahoo.com)

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**Home Communion**

Gray Memorial United Methodist Church offers Communion to those who are unable to attend our regularly scheduled Communion Service that is usually held on the first Sunday of the month. If you are homebound, have difficulty getting around, are a resident of a nursing home or assisted living center, are receiving rehab in a local facility or have concerns with being out during winter months, our Communion Servers would be honored to bring this service to your residence. We have been trained to provide this service and will visit you after church services on Communion Sundays. If you would like to participate in this service, please contact the church office (498-2103) before noon the Friday before Communion. You can set up a regular schedule or you can call each month that you would like this service.



PICTURES FROM WORSHIP SERVICES! (Photos taken by Dale Sharp, unless otherwise noted)



Jan 15 - Pictures of the altar area and Senior Choir taken from the balcony!

Jan 22 – Pastor Stephen Dale from Limestone UMC led our worship service for the Pulpit Exchange Sunday!



Pastor Steve talks with the children during the Children's Time.



Pastor Steve at Offertory Time.



Baby Bottles for the Aroostook Pregnancy Care Center



Rev. Tim and Pastor Steve on Pulpit Exchange Sunday

OTHER "KODAK MOMENTS"



Special cake for Coffee Fellowship – Jan 1st

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The Gray Memorial UMW unit will sponsor "A Call to Prayer & Self-Denial" program on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 12:30pm. A brunch will be served. This year's program is titled "Abundant Health for Women and Children". During the program, an offering will be received to support programming and advocacy for the health of mothers and children throughout the world. All women and children are invited to attend.



*The Board of Trustees acknowledges with gratitude contributions  
received from the following during 2016 :*

*For The Clifton J. and Eva M. Theriault Memorial Fund in loving memory of  
Eva, who passed away January 16, 2016*

Jim and Deena Belanger

Jennie Lyon Circle

Nancy and Louis Leavitt

Alan and Linda Pangburn

Avis Armstrong

Paul and Loretta Harmon

Garry and Candace Pangburn

Michael Serota and Terry LeCombe

Richard and Susan Clark

Natalie Beveridge

Jean and Elden Gardner

Sheila Pelletier

Mary Lou Brown

Betty Branscom

Zelma E. Merritt

Millie and Paul Pangburn

Louis and Judi Greenier

Reta Haley

Leila Robertson

Carolyn and Dale Shaw

*for The Jack and Juanita Lancaster Memorial Scholarship Fund in loving  
memory of "Wanie" who passed away June 5, 2015*

The Jennie Lyon Circle of UMW

*for The Raymond H. and Constance M. Harmon Memorial Fund in loving  
memory of Connie, who passed away October 1, 2015*

Mary Lou Brown

Marsha Boyer

Judi and Louis Greenier

Jennie Lyon Circle of UMW

*for The Vincent L. and Esther M. Page Memorial Fund in loving memory of  
Esther, who passed away June 15, 2016*

Sallie and Ted St.Pierre

Valerie and Alroy Chow

Nancy and Louis Leavitt

Sheila Pelletier

Jean and Elden Gardner

Mary Lou Brown

Judi and Louis Greenier

Betty Branscom

Russell Sutherland

*for The Marie Sutherland Memorial Fund in loving memory of Stanley K.  
Sutherland, who passed away May 6, 2016*

Betty Branscom, Russell Sutherland, Judi and Louis Greenier

*for The Herbert and Elizabeth Brown Memorial Fund*

Mary Lou Brown





SPECIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING  
1-8-17

ATTENDEES: Diane McDonough(Chair), Claire Hodgkins, Debbie Barnes, Judi Greenier, Bill Thomas, Susan White, Bobbi Pelletier, Friedrich Wilcox, Rev. Tim Wilcox, Leland Frost, and David W. DeMerchant

Diane McDonough called a special meeting at 11:10 am after the church service because Friedrich Wilcox needed the endorsement of the Council to be part of Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar's pilgrimage to Taize, France, this coming summer. If this trip is endorsed, Friedrich needs to send in \$400 by January 13<sup>th</sup> which necessitated this special meeting as the regular Council meeting is not until January 19<sup>th</sup>. Friedrich gave a convincing presentation saying he felt this experience would enhance his learning, his exposure to other youth and young adults (16 to 35), and that he could describe this to the congregation upon his return. The Council unanimously agrees to endorse his trip with its blessing. He is already working on fund raising. Bobbi Pelletier said that because the Education and Youth Ministries Committee had approved donating half the Christmas tree fund money which would be over \$1,000.00, to his trip, she would issue the initial \$400.00 on Monday so that he would not have to take from his savings at this time. Friedrich will have to make subsequent payments leading up to departure. The Council recommended that Friedrich give a presentation to the congregation so that members could contribute as well. The trip will cost a total of \$2,200.00 (after initial \$400 deposit, two future payments for \$900.00 each are due over the next few months).

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Claire Hodgkins, Secretary.

## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

1-19-17

ATTENDEES: Diane McDonough (Chair), Claire Hodgkins, Debbie Barnes, Leland Frost, Margaret Cyr, Shirley Bowman, Kathleen Forbes, Bobbi Pelletier, Stephen Cashman, and Mary Lou Brown.

Diane McDonough called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the church kitchen and said a brief prayer. The Council members approved the minutes of the last meeting as published and printed. Then Diane called for Committee Reports as follows:

CLUSTER: The Cluster continues to ask members to consider nominations for the Social Action Award. The Cluster continues to encourage laity to come to Cluster meetings and activities. Also, advanced lay servant classes are available on line at [www.beadisciple.com](http://www.beadisciple.com). Pastor Stephen Dale will be offering a class in Transforming Evangelism sometime this spring. Chris Dare and Ruth Foss are planning to offer basic lay servant classes. Pastor Stephen Dale reported that the District Ministry Team is planning a retreat to experience death/rebirth with a new focus and to explore how best to proceed in the future.

All reports on the Thanksgiving Service at Fort Fairfield were positive and much appreciation for the children's acting. Thanks so much to Med Hegemann for all her planning.

The Cluster will seek a date for a Lenten Service pending learning of a date for the District Spirituality Team Healing services which Mars Hill has offered to host. Patten has offered to host the Cluster Lenten Service. The first meeting of the Fruitful Congregation Journey was held in November. The next meeting is scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be the following Pulpit Exchanges on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, Christian Unity Sunday: Houlton-Paula Lilley; Hodgdon-Chris Dare; Mars Hill-Victor Ham; Caribou- Stephen Dale; Presque Isle-John DeFelice; Limestone-Tim Wilcox; Sue Brown-Mapleton.

Chris Dare shared that the Jr. High/Sr. High meets on Sunday after the service beginning with a meal and ending around 2 PM. Other youth are invited to join them.

Rev. Tim has been in contact with Norm Thombs regarding a visit to the County to share information, etc. about Camp Mechuwana. More to follow.

### EDUCATION:

-Sunday School numbers are still low, but those attending are constant

-Terrific Tuesdays are going very well

-Youth studies will be moved back to 8:45am. The youth attending prefer this time, but they want to keep a small group study format instead of the structured Sunday School class.

-We have a new member of the committee as of January. We are very grateful to Veronica Beckstrom for her commitment.

-Christmas tree sales went very well

-We are supporting Friedrich with his pilgrimage to Taize, France.

### EVANGELISM & PUBLICITY: No Report.

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP: Shirley Bowman reported the Tithes & Offerings for the month of December. Regular offerings amounted to \$30,723.00 and the Christmas Eve offering added \$561.00 making the total \$31,284.00. Reimbursements totaled \$1,120.69 of which \$795 was for refund on property insurance, \$315.69 was to the office, and \$10.00 was for the Fruitful Congregation book. Offerings for Special Funds for Church Use totaled \$8,961.15 of which \$7,220.00 was the gross proceeds from the Christmas Tree sales

of which the Youth netted \$2,205.60. Coffee Fellowship got \$49.15. The Youth Account Tree of Lights received \$210.00 (total amount of \$545.00 raised by the Worship Committee was given to the Youth Account). Fuel Account got \$555.00 and Prayer Shawl Ministry got \$350.00. The Trustee Improvement Fund received \$25.00 and the Capital Account Seed Money received \$477.00. Special Funds Not for Church Use totaled \$745.00: \$20 for the Food Pantry, \$10 for Women in the Bible/ Scrooge/ Fruitful Congregation Books, \$185 for World Thank Offering/UMW, and \$530 for the Homeless Shelter bringing the total for the month to \$42,110.84.

Bobbi Pelletier reported the following Checkbook figures for December:

Beginning Balance	\$3,046.47
2016 Operating Income	31,284.00
Interest	.99
Less EFT fee	(32.97) VANCO fees (EFT & Direct Deposit)
Less Expenses	(16,335.82)
Ending Balance	17,962.67

Bobbi reported we came in under budget in some areas and went over a little in others. Mission Shares and all bills are paid in full for 2016. The Dead River balances as of December 31<sup>st</sup>: Church = \$2,862.88 and the Parsonage= \$1,203.21. The weekly average offering needed weekly in 2016 was \$3,764.09.

Debbie Barnes reported the Annual 2016 Budget as follows as of December 31<sup>st</sup>:

Target - \$195,732.50; Tithes & Offerings - \$193,889.97; Expenses - \$82,605.80; Unpaid Expenses - \$0.

Attendance for the month of December averaged 93. Attendance YTD 93.

Debbie requested that the date for the Committee's Italian Dinner be set for Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Bobbi assured her the date was open and the Council approved. Also, Debbie suggested that the Committees begin getting ready for the next audit.

HISTORY & RECORDS: Mary Lou Brown reported that her Committee had not met but she shared a comparison between the December 20, 2016 Trustee Budget figures with ones she found from 1983.

08/14/83 Minutes of Trustee Meeting - Budget Figures for 1984

Church Utilities	\$9,000.00
Parsonage Utilities	2,400.00
Telephone	450.00
Insurance	1,350.00
Snow Removal	450.00
Building Maintenance	1,000.00
Capital Improvements	1,000.00
City Property taxes	450.00
Pastor's Moving Fund	200.00
Clock Operating Costs	125.00

She also suggested that the church create a Pastor's Moving Fund so that we do not have another surprise cost like we did when Rev. Wilcox and his family were moved here. It was suggested that we might be able to designate proceeds from some of our annual events to help replenish this fund. The Council suggested we consider this when future fund raising events take place.

Mary Lou also pointed out from her research it is evident that the refurbishing of the church has been an ongoing series of projects over the years.

TRUSTEES: Mary Lou Brown reported some concerns of Rev. Tim who could not be here. Considering safety, Rev. Tim asks that the side door facing Prospect Street that leads to the Fellowship Hall and Office be locked when church service begins so that people must come through the front door. The flashlight used to illuminate the light switches in the Sanctuary is broken and needs to be replaced. Ice buildup in the Parsonage porch gutters and steps continues to be a problem. Trustees have purchased calcium chloride discs to throw on the roof. The Girl Scouts wish to know what kind of project they can do for the church as a way to thank us for the use of our building for their meetings (Council was unsure at this meeting.). Rev. Tim visited the new Rec Center in Presque Isle and found they used a rubber type of tile for flooring. He plans to get other suggestions from architects planning the new RSU-39 school building. The back door leading to the trash building was blocked but Bobbi reported that it had been cleared.

Mary Lou says that the basement vacuum is not working well. She plans to have it evaluated as to fixing it or whether it is better to get a new one.

The Trustees were forced to postpone work on the dining room floor because water continues to leak into the basement through the west wall. Trustees plan to engage Allen Co. of Presque Isle to run a camera through the perimeter drain system to determine if there could be a blockage. The leak appears to be near where the organ blower is.

Lisa Wilcox (Gallagher Insurance Co) has been in communication with Patty Smith of Church Mutual Insurance regarding our church and parsonage insurance to determine if it is adequate in the event of unforeseen damages. We are under 80% coverage for replacement value and the company is recommending we get 100% coverage. Lisa will report her findings to the Council with her recommendations soon.

There are several lights that need replacing in the building. Also, Rev. Tim has asked for an outlet near the pulpit to run the loud speaker, camera, and power point screen from there when neither Bob Thompson nor Asheigh Craig is present. There is already an outlet where the Christmas tree is plugged in.

The new ladder to the parsonage roof may need a railing for safety. Carpenters built a new railing from attic floor to the platform where the ladder to the roof has been built. The one light in the attic only illuminates the immediate area around said light. It required a portable light on an extension cord to illuminate the steps and platform to do any work at the last level. When one retracts the portable light to descend the stairs to attic floor level I (Mary Lou) could not see where the steps ended so missed the last two steps and took a fall. No injuries!!!! However, if the Wilcox family members including the children use the attic as they did this past summer there is nothing to keep them safe especially at night in the attic. Mary Lou strongly recommends another light and another wall outlook for extension cords etc. The family keeps the attic trap door open in the summer as it is cooler in the main house. Also they sometimes do activities in the attic such as reading as it is a quiet place. Trustees will see that the lighting problem is corrected.

Other repairs in the Parsonage include repairing a leaking radiator next to the dishwasher in the kitchen, cleaning the drum trap in the kitchen sink, and replacing leaking shut-off valves in the basement.

It has come to Mary Lou's attention that the sprinkler system is way overdue for inspection so she plans to contact the company to get an estimate for both a 3 and a 5 year inspection. Mary Lou plans to contact the Berkshire Organ Co. for their suggestions on how to fix the organ chimes. It may just be a fuse. Mary Lou found a hole in the foundation wall to outside in the closet near the dishwasher in the church kitchen that are letting a lot of cold air in. There are other areas such as the storage behind the men's bathroom where cold air is coming in, possibly from the steeple.

Scott Branscom has Rev. Tim's office shelving on his list when he can get to it. Also on his list is repairing the inside of the Baptismal Font and refurbishing the outside.



The air blower for the organ needs to be cleaned and oiled. The cabinet housing the blower to the organ needs to be rebuilt.

Lastly, concern for the amount of food particles going down the kitchen drain after all our church fundraising suppers has prompted the use of Draino after each one.

12/20/16 – Trustee Account Balances:

Organ Fund	\$4,090.78	Holding Account	3,594.33
Clock Fund	527.19	Trustees	699.67
Steeple Fund	1,005.33	CD	10,076.49

SPRC: Sue White reported that the SPRC reviewed the first drafts of job descriptions and a few small changes to some will be made. Final changes will be viewed and voted on by the members at the next meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Work to revise the Wedding Policy has begun and SPRC suggestions will be sent to the Trustees for consideration in the near future. The goal is to have the new policy in place by late March.

UMM: No Report.

UMW: The United Methodist Women met on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> for a planning meeting. An event calendar was set and a budget of \$4,300 was set. On Saturday, February 25, from 10am-12:30pm we will be holding a Prayer and Self Denial program called “Abundant Health for Women and Children” which will be open to all women and children of the church. On Saturday, March 11, we are planning to have a boiled dinner. Our next meeting is on February 1.

WORSHIP: Margaret Cyr reported that the Committee voted to purchase a membership in Marcia McFee’s Worship Design Studio for \$249, a discount of \$50. She brought a large stack of downloads pertaining just to the Lenten season, entitled “Roll Down Justice” based on the book of Amos. She will be meeting with Rev. Tim to discuss whether to use any part of this program. Traditional services will not be automatically thrown out, but will be integrated with whatever we use from the McFee program.

Special January Sundays:

Jan. 22 - Pulpit Exchange with Pastor Steve Dale from Limestone is preaching and Rev. Tim going to Limestone.

January 29 - Recognition of First Responders. Letter of invitation have been sent to different organizations inviting them to send representatives to the service. Those who accept the invitation will receive gift bags and Coffee Fellowship will include cake and donuts.

We plan to discuss Lenten services, Ash Wednesday, and goals for the year at our next meeting. Margaret asked Council members for their input regarding whether to hold one or two Ash Wednesday services. There was interest in having both. Margaret will take that up with her Committee and Rev. Tim.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Council members voted not to hold a meeting in February. The next meeting will be March 23, 2017.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Claire Hodgkins, Secretary

## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY!!!

Wednesday 01      9:30am      UMW Meeting at Church (note date change)  
                         1:30pm      Adult Book Study "John" led by Richard Clark (2 of 6)  
                         4:30pm      Barbershop Group Practice  
                         6:00pm      Handbell Choir Practice  
                         6:30pm      Senior Choir Practice

Thursday 02      10:00am      Aroostook Cluster Meeting in Mars Hill

Friday 03      1:00pm      Disciple II Bible Study at Church

Saturday 04 8:30-9:30am      Moms in Prayer Meeting in the Library

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Sunday 05      8:45am      Sunday School

                         8:45am      Adult Book Study "John" led by Richard Clark (3 of 6)

                         10:00am      Worship - Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

                         1:00pm      Fruitful Congregation Team Meeting at Grant Memorial UMC

Monday 06      6:30pm      Adult Book Study "John" led by Richard Clark in Chapel (3 of 6)

                         6:30-7:30pm      Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

Tuesday 07      6:30pm      "Terrific Tuesdays Ministry" with Michele

Wednesday 08      1:30pm      Adult Book Study "John" led by Richard Clark (3 of 6)

                         4:30pm      Barbershop Group Practice

                         6:00pm      Handbell Choir Practice

                         6:30pm      Senior Choir Practice

                         6:30pm      Northern Maine Quilters at Mapleton UMC, Mapleton

Friday 10      1:00pm      Disciple II Bible Study at Church

Saturday 11 8:30-9:30am      Moms in Prayer Meeting in the Library

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Sunday 12      8:45am      Sunday School

                         8:45am      Adult Book Study "John" led by Richard Clark (4 of 6)

                         10:00am      Worship - Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany; Boy Scout Sunday

                         11:30am      Education Committee Meeting in Library

Monday 13      6:30pm      Adult Book Study "John" led by Richard Clark (4 of 6)

                         6:30-7:30pm      Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

Tuesday 14      1:00pm      Alzheimer's Support Group in Fellowship Hall

                         6:30pm      "Terrific Tuesdays Ministry" with Michele

Wednesday 14      1:30pm      Adult Book Study "John" led by Richard Clark (4 of 6)

                         4:30pm      Barbershop Group Practice

                         6:00pm      Handbell Choir Practice

                         6:30pm      Senior Choir Practice

*Happy  
Valentine's  
Day*

Friday 17      1:00pm      Disciple II Bible Study at Church

Saturday 18 8:30-9:30am      Moms in Prayer Meeting in the Library

## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY!!! (Continued)

Sunday	19	8:45am	Sunday School
		8:45am	Adult Book Study "John" led by Richard Clark (5 of 6)
		10:00am	Worship - Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany
Monday	20	FEDERAL HOLIDAY-WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY-CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
		6:30pm	Adult Book Study "John" led by Richard Clark (5 of 6)
Tuesday	21	6:00pm	Trustee Meeting at Church
		6:00pm	Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry Meeting at Pantry ( <u>date change</u> )
Wednesday	22	DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER INPUT!!!	
		1:30pm	Adult Book Study "John" led by Richard Clark (5 of 6)
		4:30pm	Barbershop Group Practice
		6:00pm	Handbell Practice
		6:30pm	Senior Choir Practice
Thursday	23	6:00pm	Finance/Stewardship Committee Meeting at Church
Friday	24	1:00pm	Disciple II Bible Study at Church
Saturday	25	8:00am	UMM Breakfast & Meeting at Church
		8:30-9:30am	Moms in Prayer Meeting in the Library
		10am-12:30pm	UMW Prayer & Self-Denial Program

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Sunday	26	8:45am	Sunday School
		8:45am	Adult Book Study "John" led by Richard Clark (final session)
		10:00am	Worship - Last Sunday After the Epiphany; Transfiguration Sunday
Monday	27	6:30pm	Adult Book Study "John" led by Richard Clark (final session)
		6:30-7:30pm	Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Tuesday	28	5:00pm	UMM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
		6:30pm	"Terrific Tuesdays Ministry" with Michele

### *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner*



What is Shrove Tuesday?

Shrove Tuesday (known in some countries as pancake Tuesday) is a day in February preceding Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent), which is celebrated by consuming pancakes. The word Shrove is a form of the English word, shrive, which means to abstain absolution for one's sins by way of Confession and doing penance. The UMM will be hosting a Shrove Tuesday Dinner on Tuesday, Feb. 28th from 5:00-6:00 PM.