



**November 2017**

One of our themes during the month of November will be spiritual gifts. The idea of developing a worship series and having a study grew out of conversations in the Fruitful Congregation Journey Team. As we have been learning about how churches have been able to adapt in the face of society's trends, the group asked me if I would develop a series about spiritual gifts. As we think about the needs of our community, the talents in our congregation and where God might be calling us, we realized it would be important to expand our understanding of spiritual gifts in 2 ways: for individuals to identify and better be able to use their own spiritual gifts and for the church to know in the aggregate what are the areas of strength in terms of spiritual gifts. This will be important information for us to know as we consider strategies for more effectively ministering to the community around us. For example, if we find that we have many people with the spiritual gift of healing, that would tell us something about the types of ministry we would want to consider as we discern how God is leading us. Conversely, if we find few (or no one) had evangelism as a spiritual gift that would give us useful information about ministries that are less likely to be a good match for us at Gray Memorial.

You can assist us in a variety of ways with this initiative:

1. Most important is our goal that everyone in the congregation take a spiritual gifts inventory. Not only will this be useful information for you in your spiritual journey, it will greatly assist the Fruitful Congregation Team. You can do this one of 2 ways. Beginning with the first Sunday in November, we will have inventories you can complete at home or at church. For those who would prefer, you can complete a less detailed inventory on-line at <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/spiritual-gifts-online-assessment> Whichever way you do it, we ask that you note your top 3 gifts, write it down and leave it (or email it) in the offering plate, the church office or give it to me. Your name is not required, though this would also be useful information. When we have received the top results of these inventories we will share them (without names) with the congregation and give some sense of what it could mean for Gray Memorial.
2. Attend the spiritual gifts class or pick up one of the spiritual gifts study resources. More information about this class is on page 5 of this newsletter.
3. Come to worship during November. Much of the worship along with the sermons will be built around the theme of spiritual gifts including defining spiritual gifts, identifying spiritual gifts and using spiritual gifts. As a bonus worship will include several other spiritual elements. Among these are our celebration of All Saints Sunday, Thanksgiving Sunday and stewardship.
4. Pray. You might begin by praying for our congregation. Pray that we will hear and follow God's leading of Gray Memorial United Methodist Church. Pray for the Fruitful Congregation Journey Team as we continue to meet and learn alongside our sister church in Presque Isle. Pray for the communities in which we live, work, volunteer, visit and do business. Pray that we will be aware of the needs and opportunities in these places. Pray for how our gifts can be used in these places. Pray that with God's help we will identify and develop our spiritual gifts. Be open to the Holy Spirit in your life.

Do speak with me if you have questions about any of these elements or insights that you would like to share. I look forward to learning along with you in the coming month and seeing what God has in store for us.

Grace and peace,  
Rev. Tim



# Caribou Clock

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Greetings from the Church Office!

Fall is definitely upon us, but we have been blessed with mild weather for much of late October. Don't forget that we turn our clocks **BACK** one hour on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. It's nice to get that extra hour of sleep, isn't it? That's the same evening as our annual Harvest Supper, so don't miss out on that - a lot of great food and fellowship!

If any of your information changes (mailing and/or physical address, phone number, email address, etc.) **PLEASE** contact the church office so we can update our records! I have received a number of returned newsletters in recent months due to an incorrect address! I am also emailing the Newsletter to many people - if you do not get your Newsletter through email, just let me know and I will add you to that list!

Until next month.....

Bobbi Pelletier  
Church Secretary



October Prayer Concerns

Prayer Concerns: Debbie, Lu & Dale Sharp, Judi McKee, Phil Turner, Sheila Belyea, Don Collins, Diane McDonough, Reta Haley, Duska Franklin, Gwen Ellinwood, Emily Stuart, Phyllis Sykes, Paul L'Heureux, Rick Bouchard, Molly Cory, Megan Cory, Dustin Nichols, Rodney Nichols, Tracy & Fred Hageon, Rhonda Jordan, Jason Reitmeyer, Bonnie Weatherhead, Robert Norsworthy, Marcie & her sons, Gail Gagnon, Phyllis Anderson, Ellen Cleaves, Peggy Michaud, Ken Atcheson, Mary Green, Romeo Bouchard, Claire "N'anosse", Zelma Merritt, Rhonda Jordan

On Family Death: The family of Fr. Clement Thibodeau; family of Roberta Holland; family of Tom Chalout; family of John Noble; family of Thomas Vikides; family of Ann Whitehead; family of Kim Berry

Other: Nations of Israel, Palestine, Syria; All who serve in harm's way; joy for Ruth & Emmett Ross's 69<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!; fire victims in California; victims of hurricanes in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico & fires in California;

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:

A card from Paul & Jo L'Heureux (we prayed for Paul on October 15<sup>th</sup>) – To thank each & every one of you for your prayers for Paul. We both feel your love – we would give anything to hear Steve's (Cashman) sermon Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. You are all in our prayers - & we both thank you for your care & comfort & prayers & service to the Lord.

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REMINDERS

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>LITURGIST</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>COUNTER</u>	<u>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP</u>
Nov 5	Mary Ouellette	Joelene Boucher & Penny Shaw	Phyllis Billing	UMW & Jennie Lyon Circle
Nov 12	Bobbi Pelletier	Joanne Smith & Jeannette Belyea	Joelene Boucher	Finance/Stewardship
Nov 19	Debbie Nichols	Debbie Barnes & Audrey Bubar	Joelene Boucher	Memorials Committee
Nov 26	Dean Rauch	Ruthann & John Weeks	Joelene Boucher	Worship Committee

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November Usher Coordinator: Neal Genz

November Communion Stewardess: Mary Theriault

Organist: Nov 5-Margaret Cyr; Nov 12-Mary Lou Brown; Nov 19-Margaret Cyr; Nov 26-Mary Lou Brown

Acolytes: Nov 5-Friedrich & Alden Wilcox; Nov 12-Darrell Adams; Nov 19-Alden Wilcox; Nov 26-Friedrich Wilcox

Child Care Volunteers: Nov 5-Megan Irving; Nov 12-Diana Locke; Nov 19-Samuella Manages;  
Nov 26-Debbie Barnes

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!

# \* \* November 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.



1	Kathryn Doody	20	Kelsie Washington, Hannah Wells
2	Eric Morgans	21	Wannetta Brown, Lynne Josselyn, Gigi Witmer
3	Stephanie Dorr, Alissa Irving	23	Iaona Bentum, David DeMerchant
9	Carol Cyr, Catherine Packard	25	Andrew Craig, Brennen Griffeth, Lehrle Kieffer, Barbara Scott
10	Gary Langley	26	Lisa Soderberg
13	Darrell Adams III	27	Tabitha Doody
15	Amira Rife, Conrad Walton	28	Whitney Nichols, Aurora Pethick
16	Evelyn Irving	29	Tanner McHattie
17	Shawn Anderson, Brittany Mockler, Locke Wischmann	30	Donald Collins, Penny Shaw
18	Adrian Gammon, Eric Mockler		



7	Heather & Joe Botterill	23	Mary & Todd Theriault
17	Gwen & Ralph Ferguson	28	Leslie & Shawn Anderson
21	Wannetta & Avon Brown	29	Lehrle & Robert Kieffer

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>
Oct 1	73	\$2,977.00
Oct 8	76	\$3,812.56
Oct 15	87	\$2,339.18
Oct 22	77	\$2,195.00
Oct 29	88	\$2,292.00

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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 October 29th the balance in the account is \$37,842.85.

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**Changes to November 2016 Church Directory (November 2017):**

Wilcox, Lisa: new address - 791 Main St. Apt. 2, Caribou

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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 receive a call each month to see if you would like this service.

Spiritual Gifts Class

The adult class time over the next few weeks will be a Bible study about spiritual gifts. We will study what a spiritual gift is, types of spiritual gifts, identifying spiritual gifts, and applying spiritual gifts. We would enjoy having you join us!! The course began on Sunday, October 29 and will continue through December 17. It will take place in the library on Sunday mornings from 8:45 – 9:40 on each of those days. If you are interested and can only come for some of those dates, that is fine. If you are in the choir or this is a time that does not work for you, we have ordered a couple extra resources about spiritual gifts that you can read/study on your own time. See Rev. Tim if you have any questions about the class or would like one of the class resources.

## Special Kodak Moments!

The following pictures were taken when Vivian Bell was invited to join Ted Shapiro at the WAGM-TV set!





*Looks like Ted was a great host and Vivian had a wonderful time!  
Are we looking at a future TV weather forecaster?????*



Just a quick hint about the new Advent Series we will have starting on December 3<sup>rd</sup> - the program "Angels Among Us" from Marcia McFee's Worship Design Studio. This program will incorporate the messages of Angels in all of the Advent worship services. The Missions & Evangelism Committee is also sponsoring the "Angel Tree" project this year, so look for future information on all of this!

UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* **EVENTS**



Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at  
5:00pm

Take-out orders: 5:30pm

Gray Memorial United Methodist Church will hold its annual Harvest Supper Saturday, November 4th in the church dining room. Bob Thompson and Del Ramey have co-chaired this event since its inception. A complete homemade turkey dinner is served with all the fixings. The turkeys are cooked by members of the church. All pies are also homemade by members of the church and there is always a great selection to choose from. We also feature an awesome salad bar. This would not be a success if not for the entire church family participation. Please join us for a great meal. So mark your calendars for Nov 4th and come join us. Tickets are sold in advance - adults \$14 and children under 12 are \$7. Also, there are a limited number of takeout orders available. Takeout orders must also be bought in advance. You can either see a church member or call the Church Office at 498-2103, (Mon thru Fri 9-12). There will be only (one) sitting this year at 5:00pm.....take-out orders may be picked-up at 5:30pm.

UMW Soup Luncheon  
Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>  
11:00am – 1:00pm  
Fish Chowder, Chicken Stew & Kielbasa Soup  
Homemade Rolls and Apple Crisp  
\$6.00 per serving







*Would you like to receive the Sunday afternoon email newsletter summarizing events at worship and upcoming events for the next week? Also, special bulletins, notices of changes of events, etc.? Send an email to Ruth & Emmett at [rneross@maine.rr.com](mailto:rneross@maine.rr.com) or contact the church office.*

### Confirmation

A confirmation class is being planned for this winter and spring. This particular class is ideal for 6th - 8th graders but any high school student is welcome as well. Please contact Rev. Tim if you (or you are a parent or guardian) are interested or if you would like more information.

Christian Civic League's 2017 Regional Annual Banquets (please see card posted on Fellowship Hall bulletin board):

Nov 9<sup>th</sup> at Crosspoint Church, Bangor at 7:00pm. Featured Speakers: Jason Benham & David Benham

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> at East Auburn Baptist Church at 7:00pm. Feather Speaker is Paul Weber.

RSVP at [ww.cclmaine.org](http://ww.cclmaine.org) or call 207-622-7634

Cost: \$50 per person or \$175 per table of 4 or \$350 per table of 8

Net proceeds from the Missions & Evangelism Committee's Cookie Booth at the Caribou Arts & Craft Fair on October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> was approximately \$412 and we have already reserved the same popular space for next year. Thank you to everyone who provided support for this event - baking cookies, working at the booth, setting up/breaking down and of course, buying and eating the wonderful cookies!

Special thanks to Dale Dee who brought the remaining cookies to the Veterans' Home!

This money will pay for Rev. Tim's Advent radio spots this year.

### "Angel Tree 2017"

The Missions & Evangelism Committee plans to sponsor the "Angel Tree" this year. The name tags will be on the tree Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and we ask that all gifts be brought to the church no later than Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

This year, we ask that gifts for each recipient cost no more than \$25.





CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES  
11-19-17

**ATTENDEES:** Judi Greenier (Subbing for Diane McDonough), Claire Hodgkins, Kathleen Forbes, Debbie Barnes, Bobbi Pelletier, David W. DeMerchant, Susan White, Mary Lou Brown, and Leland Frost

Judi Greenier called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the church kitchen and said a brief prayer. The members voted to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published and printed in the Newsletter.

Next she called for the committee reports as follows:

**CLUSTER:** The Social Action Award plaque will be retrieved from Grant Memorial to be prepared and presented to this year's recipient at the Thanksgiving Cluster service. There will be two recipients of the Akeley Scholarship and it has been suggested they be awarded at the Thanksgiving Cluster service. A survey of Cluster members found that 72% want to move meetings to Saturday mornings starting Saturday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10 AM. The Cluster voted to hold the Thanksgiving Cluster service at Grant Memorial on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM with a pot luck supper afterward. Hot foods and drinks will be prepared by the host church and others may bring salads and desserts.

Grant Memorial plans a mission trip in March 2018. More information will follow.

There is positive feedback from the Women's Divorce Care group being led by Connie Sandstrom at Grant Memorial.

The Grant Memorial Christian Ed. Director may offer a confirmation class in the spring.

The Cluster continues to encourage the Laity to participate in Cluster meetings.

Church Activities:

Oct. 27 Hodgdon UMC Public Chicken Pie Supper 4:30-6:30 PM

Nov. 4 Gray Memorial UMC Harvest Supper 5:00-6:30 PM; Take outs starting at 5:30 PM

Nov. 7 Limestone UMC Public Chicken Pie Supper 5:00-6:30 PM; take outs available

Wednesdays until Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> - Limestone UMC sponsoring "Committed to Christ" Bible study

**EDUCATION & FAMILY MINISTRIES:** The Education Committee noted that a new childcare person was hired.

**FINANCE & STUWARDSHIP:** Regular offerings for September amounted to \$13,274.36. Reimbursements amounted to \$15. Special funds for church use came to \$1,531.36, and the funds not for church use came to \$128.93. The total offering for September was \$14,949.64.

Bobbi Pelletier reported the following September checkbook figures:

Beginning Balance	\$3,930.65
2017 Operating Income	13,274.35
Interest	1.03
Less EFT fee	(20.95) VANCO fees (EFT deposits)
Refund for Building Use	(200.00)
Less Expenses	(16,496.24)
Ending Balance	488.84

A gift of \$25,000.00 for the care and maintenance of the Memorial Garden was invested with Thompson/Hamel LLC on June 29, 2017. The fee for this transaction which came out of the original amount was \$1,073.78. As of September 29<sup>th</sup>, the on-line report shows the ending value at \$24,367.09, which is almost back to the original \$25,000.00 invested.

The beginning balance for the Capital Account Seed Money for September was \$35,899.34. Deposits of \$501.00 were made and no expenditures, leaving an ending balance for September of \$36,400.85.

Bobbi reported she had held back Mission Share payments last month due to the upcoming need to pay the property insurance and Real Estate taxes. The Insurance payment was \$1,672.00 and the real estate taxes came to \$1,966.97. The following is a list of money spent in September:

Programs	\$787.10
Trustees	\$6,179.53
SPRC	\$8,740.90
New England Conference (NEC)	\$788.71 (Pastor's Pension Benefit)

We are two months behind in Mission Shares (\$2,327.17/mo.). Our Dead River balance for the church is \$1,656.16, and for the Parsonage, \$661.29. Our new monthly payment as of June C=\$764; P= \$137.

Debbie Barnes reported that as of September 30<sup>th</sup> the Target Budget was \$149,865.00. Tithes & Offerings were \$122,134.51. The total expenses were \$142,800.06. The unpaid bills amounted to \$4,654.34, the amount owed on two months of Mission Shares. Our average attendance was 89.

The Audit Committee plans the 2016 audit to be held on Saturday, November 11. All treasurers will be contacted and should be prepared to submit their ledgers and statements on or before that date. The Finance Committee will be asking all church committees for their proposed 2018 budget requests soon. An announcement regarding Stewardship plans will be coming soon.

HISTORIANS: The Historians are Betty Branscom, Mary Lou Brown, and Wendy Bossie. Wendy Bossie is making ongoing changes to the Library Bulletin Board to acquaint the congregation about the history and meaning of church symbols. The last couple of months Wendy had a display of the United Methodist Emblem (Cross and Flame) and its history. It appears on almost all Methodist publications. In October Wendy is creating a display of the meaningful colors (White, Green, Red, Purple, Gold, and sometimes Blue) representing the different seasons of the liturgical life of the church. Each season has a name with its own symbols on the Altar cloth, the pulpit, and the lectern. Rev. Tim often wears a stole of his office with the colors and significant symbols reflecting the season. For example, a white robe, with perhaps a chalice/cup along with a sheaf of wheat symbolizes Communion, a reenactment of the Last Supper when Christ gave his disciples the cup and bread so that we may remember his sacrifice for our salvation. On Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, members of the New England Conference Committee of Archives and History are having a two-day experience beginning in Houlton and visiting the various UMC sights in the county some of which have closed. Pat Thompson will be escorting the group. On Saturday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 10 AM in Houlton, there will be workshops and discussions to determine what to archive, what to delete, and who can guide us through this process, etc.

MEMORIALS: No Report

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM: The Committee met on Sunday, October 8th to finalize the plans for the Cookie Booth at the Caribou Arts & Craft Fair on October 21st & 22nd.

- Duska Franklin will schedule the volunteers; she will retrieve the cookies that are at the church on Saturday morning and will also get the cash start-up money.
- Dale Dee, Leland Frost and Friedrich Wilcox will meet at the church and load all the needed items from the church (lattice back-drop, quilt hanging, tables, chairs, money box, etc.) and bring to the high school to set-up before 10am.
- Bobbi will put the cookie & volunteer sign-up sheet in the bulletins for several weeks and place the "cookie donation" box in the Narthex

The committee also discussed sponsoring the Angel Tree project this year, since the Advent theme will be "Angels Among Us". Advent begins December 3rd, so the tree will be put up on Saturday, December 2nd by the Worship

Committee. Ruth Ross will go to the city office to obtain the names of families for gifts and prepare the ornaments to place on the tree here at church for December 3rd. We will ask gifts not be more than \$25 and be brought to the church no later than Sunday, December 17th so they can be delivered that week.

The committee discussed the Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry and decided to resume "ownership" of the volunteer board member responsibility, currently being done by the Memorials Committee. Ruthann Weeks volunteered to be the new pantry board member to represent this committee.

We are still seeking someone to volunteer to Chair this committee!

SPRC: SPRC held its October meeting on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> as part of the Annual Church Conference. At this meeting the committee met with the District Superintendent to review the work of the committee over the past year. Next steps for the committee will be to continue to support Reverend Tim in his ministry, update the Church Profile and continue to support the employees of the church and the work that they do. The committee is continuing to search for an organist or pianist to play on a regular basis. The committee officially hired Emilee Lothrop as the new Child Care Provider during this meeting.

TRUSTEES: Dave Belyea and the John Noble crew excavated the North/West corner of the church basement on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> and discovered that the drainage pipe had separated as well as being partially blocked. The pipe was repaired and covered with filter fabric, gravel, and top soil. Next they excavated beside the back door on the West side to extend the digging Roy Alden and crew had begun in an effort to stop the water flowing into the furnace room and fuel tank room. Dave Belyea and Roy Alden plan to use more rubber roofing material to seal the foundation before dirt and rocks are replaced there. Please do not attempt to go out the back door until that work is complete because there is a big hole there. Dave Belyea also added more cement to the block foundation along the East wall.

The Tower Clock has been running off and on since Mr. Yoder adjusted it. He has suggested the clock is valued at \$12,000.00. Roy Alden and Friedrich Wilcox are frequently winding and resetting the clock when it stops. Mr. Yoder is waiting for a special tool for repairing bushings he needs to repair the Sanctuary clock.

The Lexan material to cover the East side three panel window on the church is on order from Collins. It will cost \$1,535.00 and be placed on the windows by Greg Theriault after he paints the frames.

The Trustees have been in contact with Beth Singer at Cary Medical Center and are hoping to get rope ladders for the second floor of the Parsonage through a grant Cary got from State Farm Insurance Company. She will be in touch with the Wilcox family to set up a time to install and practice how to use the ladders in case of fire.

UMM: Dave DeMerchant reported that the men met to have a breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, Del's blueberry and strawberry sauces, maple syrup, bananas, orange juice and coffee. Friedrich Wilcox, guest speaker, gave a very interesting presentation of his Taize experience in France along with slides.

The UMM hosted a breakfast for the Fruitful Congregation Team on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. It included breakfast casseroles, blueberry muffins, donut muffins, strawberries, bananas, orange juice, and coffee.

The men discussed a project to replace the patio outside the Parsonage garage in the spring of 2018.

UMW: UMW met on October 3rd to finalize plans for the potluck and auction to benefit Jeff Cyr and the November Luncheon. The November Luncheon is on November 11, and will consist of fish chowder, chicken stew, and a kielbasa soup, rolls, crackers, and apple crisp. The cost will be \$6.00. Also discussed were Mission Pins and possible candidates to receive them. A decision will be made next month. The next meeting will be on November 7.

WORSHIP: Worship Committee discussed the following: Changes to the Order of Worship - No longer play a prelude, Children's Time moved earlier in the service, and having an organ response after "The Lord's Prayer".

We reviewed the October & November services:

Oct 8 - Steve Cashman preaching, continuing the "Outside My Own Little World" sermon series

Oct 15 - Laity Sunday; Friedrich Wilcox will give a presentation on his trip to France; other laity will be asked to participate during the service; prayer shawl dedication

Oct 22 - regular service

Oct 29 - Reformation Sunday; celebrate 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation

Nov 5 - All Saints Sunday; we will honor Thelma Mockler, the only member that has passed since last years' service. We will give congregation an opportunity to have a candle lit for family or friends they have lost (bring forward name(s) on paper and Rev. Tim will speak the name(s) as a candle is lit

Nov 12 - Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday; Shawn Anderson is checking on a speaker from Cary

Nov 19 - Thanksgiving Sunday; congregation can donate fresh & canned vegetables for the Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry;

Nov 26 - Christ the King Sunday; special offering for UM Student Day

Dec. 3 - Advent Begins

The committee discussed the Marcia McFee "Angels Among Us" program for Advent and agreed to use it. We will begin planning at our next meeting in November. Bobbi suggested having the Missions & Evangelism Committee sponsor the "Angel Tree" project this year, as it will fit in quite nicely with this theme.

Committee agreed to have a 4pm service Christmas Eve service on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

PASTOR'S TIME: Rev. Tim has begun work as a small group Leader for the Provisional Leadership Academy for pastors who have been commissioned in the past 3 years and who are working toward ordination.

Two new Disciple IV classes have begun on Wednesdays with a total of 21 participants.

The Fruitful Congregation journey sponsored a Community Leaders' Forum which met Oct. 18 with 10 representatives from town government, schools, churches, businesses, and nonprofits to discuss community needs as well as current and future economic and social issues. The Forum also discussed community strengths, the role of the churches, and the possibility of partnerships. A summary of our table discussions will be drafted and distributed to the participants.

Upcoming events:

A sermon and study series is planned sponsored by the Fruitful Congregation Team during Nov. on Spiritual Gifts.

Cluster Thanksgiving Service to be held at Grant Memorial UMC in Presque Isle on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM.

The Advent/ Christmas/ Epiphany worship series' theme is "Angels Among Us".

Plan to investigate the possibility that we might join with Limestone and Presque Isle for a joint Confirmation Class. District Superintendent, Rev. Jackie Brannen seemed encouraged by the ministries about which she heard at Church Conference this past Tuesday night, but challenged us to make new disciples for Jesus Christ.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM. The next meeting will be Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> due to Thanksgiving holiday.

Respectfully submitted by Claire Hodgkins, Secretary

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

Wednesday	01	1:15pm	Disciple IV Bible Study
		4:30pm	Barbershop Group Practice
		6:00pm	Handbell Choir Practice
		6:15pm	Disciple IV Bible Study
		6:30pm	Senior Choir Practice
Thursday	02	6:30pm	Worship Committee Meeting at Church
Saturday	04	8:30-9:30am	Moms in Prayer Group
		10:00am	Cluster Meeting in Mars Hill
		5:00pm	Annual Harvest Supper; take-out at 5:30pm

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS - CHANGE CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!!!!**

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Sunday	05	8:45am	Sunday School and Adult Study
		10:00am	Worship - Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost; All Saints Sunday
		1:00pm	Fruitful Congregation Team Meeting at Grant Memorial UMC, PI
		2:00pm	Farewell Reception for Pastor Dan & Nancy Clayborne at the New Sweden Covenant Church
Monday	06	6-8pm	Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Tuesday	07	9:30am	UMW Meeting at Church
		6:30pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting in Library
		6:30pm	"Terrific Tuesdays Ministry" with Michele
Wednesday	08	12:00pm	Jennie Lyon Circle Potluck Luncheon & Meeting
		2:15pm	Disciple IV Bible Study ( <u>NOTE TIME CHANGE</u> )
		4:30pm	Barbershop Group Practice
		6:00pm	Handbell Choir Practice
		6:15pm	Disciple IV Bible Study
		6:30pm	Senior Choir Practice
		6:30pm	Northern Maine Quilters at Grant Memorial UMC, Presque Isle
Thursday	09	6:30pm	SPRC Meeting at Church
Friday	10	<b>FEDERAL HOLIDAY - VETERANS DAY - CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED</b>	
Saturday	11	8:30-9:30am	Moms in Prayer Group
		11am-1pm	UMW Soup Luncheon

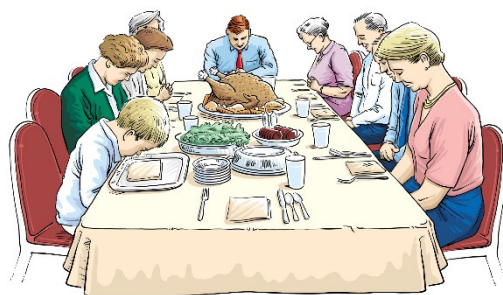
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Sunday	12	8:45am	Sunday School and Adult Study
		10:00am	Worship - Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost; Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday (guest speaker)
		11:30pm	Education Committee Meeting in Library
Monday	13	6-8pm	Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Tuesday	14	6:00pm	Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry Board Meeting at Pantry
		6:30pm	"Terrific Tuesdays" Ministry with Michele
Wednesday	15	1:15pm	Disciple IV Bible Study
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		6:15pm	Disciple IV Bible Study
		6:30pm	Senior Choir Practice
Saturday	18	8:30-9:30am	Moms in Prayer Group

## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER (continued)!!!!

Sunday	19	8:45am 10:00am 11:30am 4:00pm	Sunday School and Adult Study Worship - Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost; Thanksgiving Sunday (donate canned/fresh vegetables for Pantry) Missions & Evangelism Committee Meeting in Library Cluster Advent Service at Grant Memorial UMC, Presque Isle; (Potluck supper following worship service)
Monday	20	6-8pm	Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Tuesday	21	1:00pm 6:30pm	Caregivers Support Group in Fellowship Hall Trustees Meeting at Church
Wednesday	22	1:15pm 4:30pm 6:15pm	Disciple IV Bible Study Barbershop Group Practice Disciple IV Bible Study
Thursday	23	<i>FEDERAL HOLIDAY - THANKSGIVING - CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED</i>	
Saturday	25	8:00am 8:30-9:30am	UMM Breakfast & Meeting Moms in Prayer Group

Sunday	26	8:45am 10:00am	Sunday School and Adult Study Worship - Last Sunday After Pentecost; Christ the King Sunday Special Offering (UM Student Day)
Monday	27	<u>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER INPUT</u>	
		6-8pm	Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Tuesday	28	6:30pm	"Terrific Tuesdays Ministry" with Michele
Wednesday	29	1:15pm 4:30pm 6:00pm 6:15pm 6:30pm	Disciple Bible Study Barbershop Group Practice Handbell Choir Practice Disciple IV Bible Study Senior Choir Practice
Thursday	30	6:00pm 6:30pm	Finance/Stewardship Committee Meeting Church Council Meeting



**Enjoy your Thanksgiving holiday with family & friends!**