



There are definitely "Angels Among Us" as we prepare for our Advent Season! Just look around you!

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**December 2017**

Two Words from the Pastor (be sure to read them both; the second one is on page 6)

One of the features of the holiday season is the taking stock of the past year. Many people review what has occurred and capture it in letters and cards that are sent to family and friends. News outlets will publish top stories of the year and year-end retrospectives. Businesses will evaluate how they've done in the past year as they make plans for the year ahead.

As I've been doing my own review of the past year, I have realized that 2017 has pushed me more in terms of pastoring—the major part of doing ministry, for me—in any year since my very first one 18 years ago. It's the combination of many parts that has been challenging. Some elements of the year are, of course, familiar. Preparing and leading worship, teaching classes and visiting people at the hospital are some examples. Some elements of this year were completely new experiences, like participating in Caribou Rotary or using Marcia McFee's Worship Design Studio for several worship series this year. Some elements were familiar experiences with a new dimension, like fasting for an *entire* season or leading a small group for several of the *new pastors* in our New England Conference. Some elements helped me understand our country and its history with a new perspective, like standing inside the walls of Fort Sumter or touring the Emmett Till Historic Center. Then, there was a pastoral experience that was unlike anything I had experienced before and took nearly all my available energy for several months. In short it has been one of the most, if not the most, wide-ranging and active years I can remember from the ministry side of the ledger.

However, both because of the fullness of the year and the lack of many of the usual times for rest and renewal, I have become nearly numb to what usually brings me balance and joy. Although only the last item on the above list had a negative impact on its own, its significance combined with an overly ambitious calendar overextended me in several ways. I hadn't intended or anticipated events unfolding as they have. As a result, I'm reevaluating a lot about my priorities and commitments as I look to 2018 while acknowledging the transition that I'm in regarding how I do ministry at this stage in my life and ministry.

If we are honest, most of us go through stages and times when we are spiritually stretched or stressed. Without even meaning or wanting it to happen, we can become distant or disconnected from the practices and people that keep us balanced. Fortunately, there are seasons on our Christian liturgical calendar that remind us of what is important in faith and life. Advent and Christmas are two of those seasons. They remind us of God with us, Emmanuel—then, now and always. As a new Christian year begins in December with Advent, I'm looking forward to some new beginnings of my own. Whatever your 2017 has been like, I pray we will encounter anew the miracle of Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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I wish you all a blessed Christmas!

Grace and peace,  
Rev. Tim



# Caribou Clock

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Greetings from the Church Office!

As the Advent Season approaches, the church will soon “come alive” with all the seasonal accents (Christmas tree, garlands, Advent wreath, etc.). The two committees that will come together to prepare us for this most sacred time are the Worship Committee and the Missions & Evangelism Committee. The Advent theme of “Angels Among Us” is so appropriate as we hear the dramatic readings during each Advent Worship service and a “Messenger” (Angel) delivers a message to many different “characters”. The “Angel Tree” will once again be available for us to help families in the local area during this season. I encourage you all to come and witness these services as the Advent story unfolds, beginning this coming Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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! **In recent months, several previously used email addresses no longer work, so I have had to mail hard copies of this Newsletter. If the address label on this Newsletter is in red – that means you!**

Until next month.....

Bobbi Pelletier  
Church Secretary



**November Prayer Concerns**

**Prayer Concerns:** Debbie, Lu & Dale Sharp, Judi McKee, Phil Turner, Don Collins, Reta Haley, Zelma Merritt, Emily Stuart, Phyllis Sykes, Debbie Jordan, Paul L'Heureux, Tracy & Fred Hageon, Dustin Nichols, Emmett & Ruth Ross, Jason Reitmeyer, Judy Nicknair, Dot Nicknair, Rhonda Jordan, Reggie Denison, Josselyn Langworthy, Florence Gallagher, Mary Richardson Bear, Marcy Dunn

**On Family Death:** The family of Fred Plissey; family of Rhonda Jordan

**Other:** Nations of Israel, Palestine, Syria; All who serve in harm's way; all children with learning disabilities; for those traveling this weekend for Thanksgiving and for those traveling south for the winter;

**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>LITURGIST</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>COUNTER</u>	<u>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP</u>
Dec 3	Tamara Wilcox	Jean & Steve Cashman	Jennifer Branscom	Trustees
Dec 10	Dave Belyea	Josselyn & Adam Langworthy	Jennifer Branscom	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Dec 17	Diane Fitzpatrick	Diane & Bruce Fitzpatrick	Jennifer Branscom	History & Records
Dec 24 (10am)	Richard Clark	Barbara & Dale Dee	Jean Cashman	NO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP
Dec 24 (4pm)	Mary Ouellette	Diana Locke & Dave Wakana		
Dec 31	David DeMerchant	Judi & Louis Greenier	Jean Cashman	UMW/Jennie Lyon Circle

**December Usher Coordinator:** Shawn Anderson

**December Communion Stewardess:** Debbie Barnes

**Organist:** Dec 3-Margaret Cyr; Dec 10 & 17-Mary Lou Brown; Dec 24-Margaret Cyr; Dec 31-Mary Lou Brown

**Acolytes:** Dec 3-Friedrich Wilcox & Alden Wilcox; Dec 10-Darrell Adams; Dec 17-Alden Wilcox; Dec 24 (10am)-TBD; Dec 24 (4pm)-Darrell Adams & Lauren Craig; Dec 31-Friedrich Wilcox

**Child Care Volunteers:** Dec 3-Jennifer Craig; Dec 10-Diane Fitzpatrick; Dec 17-Meagan Irving; Dec 24 (10am)-Diana Locke; Dec 24 (4pm)-Samuela Manages; Dec 31-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!

# \* \* December 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	Mike Ayers, Carson Doody	18	Donald Cole
7	Bonnie Ward	22	Judith Blackstone
9	Jeffrey Alden, Janet Chandler, David Doody	23	Diane Fitzpatrick, Alison Kieffer, Meghan Scott, Katherine Scott
10	Panela Danforth, Paula Richards	24	Dylan DeForge, Carol Norsworthy
11	Elsie Doody, George Knorr	27	Dan DaCosta
12	Leslie Anderson, Steven Scott	28	Nick Pelletier
14	Libby Collier, Connie Ennis, Claire Hodgkins	29	Ken Albert, Jody Smith
15	Ryan Fitzpatrick, Dawn Frost, Zelma Merritt	30	Kathleen Forbes
16	Leland Frost		
17	Peter Bentum		



1	Pat & Warren Dobson	7	Gwen & Bob Ellinwood
3	Penny & Ivan Shaw	24	Jeanette & Ken Peters
	26	Ruthann & John Weeks	

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>
Nov 5	95	\$5,197.00
Nov 12	85	\$2,297.00
Nov 19	72	\$2,395.00
Nov 26	80	\$8,224.00

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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 November 26<sup>th</sup>, the balance in the account is \$38,254.47.

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

Curran, Geraldine: new address – Mercy Home, P. O. Box 310, 3402 Aroostook Road, Eagle Lake ME 04739 (444-5152)

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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.

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Reminder to everyone – please complete your 2018 Pledge Form and your Time & Talent Survey and return them by Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Also complete your Spiritual Gifts inventory and turn in your "top 3 gifts" on a piece of paper by December 10<sup>th</sup>.

A message from Rev. Tim: On October 18, our Fruitful Congregation Journey Team hosted a Community Leaders Forum at the church. Leaders from government, business, education, and civic organizations were invited to come and share (over a wonderful breakfast served by our United Methodist Men) their reflections on several questions about our community in table groups. Discussions centered on community needs and strengths, key social and economic issues and the place of the church in community concerns. The combined results of this forum are on this and the following two pages of this newsletter. The entire team hopes that the insights from this event will both stimulate your thoughts about ministry and give you some ideas about how we can all match our gifts for ministry with the needs of the community.

## FRUITFUL CONGREGATION/COMMUNITY LEADERS FORUM

1. What do you see as the greatest concern for the community? What do you see as its greatest needs?

One of the greatest concerns was our declining population. This is coupled with the fact that our remaining population is becoming significantly older and that our youth are leaving the area after graduation from high school. The youth remaining in the area seem to generally be more concerned with self and spend less time with concerns for their community. Technology is more readily available and it appears to be used more frequently for entertainment than for information or other positive efforts. Students attending Caribou High School are required to complete a set number of hours of community service as a requirement for graduation. This was questioned and discussed in our group at some length. Because of the above information, it was felt that volunteerism among the youth and into adulthood was rapidly decreasing. Civic groups such as Kiwanis, Rotary, etc. are finding it more difficult to recruit members and to encourage their members to routinely volunteer for service projects. Once students have acquired their required number of service hours, many just stop volunteering. The family unit is weakening. There are many more single parent families now, and this may be creating more challenges within these families. Young people are not learning life skills, and are unable to be totally independent. Employment is a concern. There are jobs available in the area, but many employers feel it is difficult to find qualified employees. Many people lack the necessary skills. Training is available locally, and an effort to encourage young people to get involved often is a problem. Public transportation may be a problem for some people. It was felt that some people are having trouble getting to work or appointments. Drug abuse seems to be a key concern for all of us. Efforts to create mentors for youth and opportunities to belong to groups that do good may have some positive impact. Substance abuse often leads to domestic violence. There seems to be less optimism than there used to be; especially after the base closed. It is important to be positive about things and tell our story. We must be viable and reinvent ourselves, promote ourselves and look for ways to improve ourselves economically. People in our community have two roads they can travel. They can either have positive results or negative ones. It was felt that if families concentrated on proper economic development and good moral character within the family there would be more positives. Young people should learn who the real heroes in their lives really are.

2. What are the key economic/social issues that need to be resolved today? In five years? Ten years?

Drug/Alcohol Use/Abuse affects both the social and economic facets of our community. It is a growing problem that can affect anyone/everyone/anywhere. There are no boundaries here, and it

affects rich or poor, young or old. Whether a person uses drugs or not, they can be affected by those who do. Many programs that could be used to identify people who need help and then receive it have been lost due to government defunding. It will take a significant amount of money to fight this problem and the willingness of the citizens of this community to work together, know their neighbors, bring in more effective mental health programs, and create more meaningful and effective legislation to stop the problem and heal those with addictions. We need to stop the availability of drugs and alcohol to our youth, and improve our educational programs concerned with the dangers of abusing drugs and alcohol. We have many businesses whose owners are nearing retirement. We need to publicize these opportunities to younger entrepreneurs who are willing to move to northern Maine and make the start-up environment for these people attractive enough to bring them here. Mentoring young people who want to start a business would be a positive step. (On a positive note, the rejuvenation of farming as a younger generation takes over has been noted.) Issues that we, as a community, have to deal with now and in the future include: the majority of people must be willing to invest in the quality of life, we must look for and seize upon emerging opportunities, we must have a sense of community vision and leadership on big issues. How do we do this? We improve upon our transportation system to make it easier for people to get here, get to services and move raw materials and finished products to markets. We encourage young people to become leaders in the churches and in the community. We need to improve the way we connect people to community groups since the old patterns of joining clubs and groups have largely changed. We must stop spending all of our efforts chasing after old industry, and we need to instead concentrate on developing new products, industries and use what resources we have in new ways. We have to start working outside of the box.

### 3. What do you see as the greatest strength of this community?

The biggest source of strength in this community is from its citizens. The people from Caribou and the surrounding communities that use the City's services are loyal and willing to take part in supporting activities. It was generally felt that this was well demonstrated by the Recreation Department and the Wellness Center. The Wellness Center staff has developed programs for the benefit of all the citizens - young and old. One can watch a steady stream of young people crossing from the Teague Park School and Middle School to the Wellness Center in the afternoon for after-school activities. In the mornings it's the aerobics and walking classes for senior citizens and the "Take it Outside" programs. The City of Caribou is working hard to develop and perpetuate programs and activities to serve the physical and social wellness needs of all its citizens. This community has done well to provide opportunities where we can "find ourselves". Caribou does promote the quality of life for its citizens. The community is, by and large, safer than most larger communities. When there is a need, you see neighbors helping neighbors, helping the youth and watching out for the elderly. The existing infrastructure (water, power, communication) is probably more than adequate for expansion and development. The people in this community are generous, hard-working, dedicated that have a work ethic that has often been cited as one of the best, anywhere.

4. What do you see as the importance of our community's churches?

Simply put, our churches are a needed gathering place. They provide for the social needs of those who gather there. They bring spiritual belief, help to develop our sense of community, and provide an excellent example of morality. While some parents will drop their children off at church and then leave to "do their own thing", many parents realize the importance of the family experience within the church. The old adage of, "A family who prays together, stays together." is still true. The more time that a family spends in activities together, the more important their sense of family values will be. It was generally felt that if the churches in a community would work together and support each other, the community in general would benefit. One suggestion was to have the churches host a "Thursdays on Sweden" event during the summer and call it "Church Night on Sweden". Many attendees felt that the churches in our community have "faded into the background". The churches used to have a leadership role in our community, and it was felt that we should regain that role. We need representation from churches on community events and committees.

5. What do you know about our church? What is it known for in the community?

One of the things we were known for is our great suppers! We put on a great chicken BBQ during Caribou Days, a Harvest Supper and more. US Senator Susan Collins was married in our church and the clock in our steeple has provided a visible presence in our city for many years. People will frequently use the clock tower as a landmark when giving directions to visitors. But, one of the biggest things is that we are a congregation of friendly, supportive people who welcome visitors literally with open arms, hearts and minds.

6. What role do you see our organization playing in our community? What values does it promote?

How is it impacting our community?

Family support seems to be the primary role that we provide within our community. Our church provides a place where a family can gather and each member can receive benefits while learning more about Christ and how we can serve our Lord. Our church has always supported programs developed by our City such as "Caribou Cares About Kids" and "Thursdays on Sweden". These two programs, in particular, support the family and encourage participation as family units. These are activities for the whole family. The forum we have shared has brought together ideas and goals from church and community groups and leaders. It is a wonderful opportunity to share concerns and ideas for helping with issues. A forum such as this could be developed as a permanent partnership between the churches and community organizations to share ideas and efforts together toward a more stable, productive community. This forum could be expanded to include those organizations that were unable to attend this event, a multi-denominational group from all churches in the community and other organizations as determined appropriate. Many saw the role of the churches in our community as a pillar in strengthening the core of Caribou. It provides values which help keep us grounded. Our role in community could provide an extra voice of the needs of the citizenry that churches gather from their parishioners.

We need to keep this forum going. We need to organize it to ensure all participants are aware of the combined efforts and input from all sources. If we are truly serious about wanting Caribou to grow and prosper, then we must all work together to make it so.



*Pictures from our Worship Services!*  
(photos by Dale Sharp, unless otherwise noted)



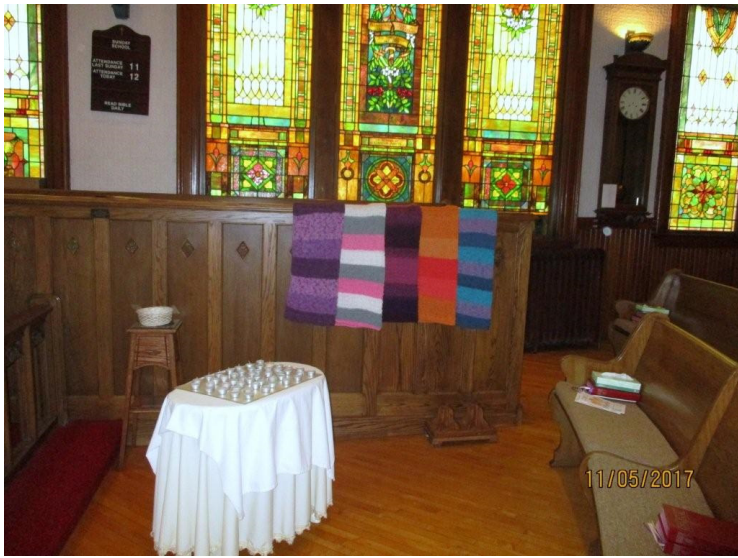
Oct 29 - Tamara Wilcox directs handbells playing "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" (photo by Pat Dobson)



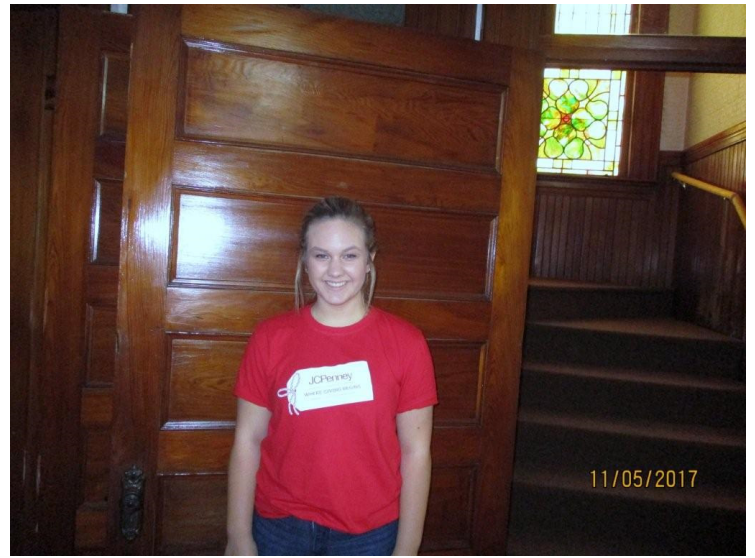
Oct 29 - Rev. Tim during "Children's Time" (photo by Pat Dobson)



November 5<sup>th</sup> - We honored Thelma Mockler on "All Saints Sunday" with one single candle on the altar in front of the lighted cross.



Nov 5<sup>th</sup> – Congregation came forward to light individual tealights In memory of those they have lost. Prayer shawls will be available on the first Sunday of each month for anyone who would like to get one.



Our new child care provider – Emilee Lothrop!



Nov 12 - Special flowers on the altar to honor Veterans!



The Handbell Choir, directed by Tamara Wilcox, perform “We Gather Together” on November 26<sup>th</sup>.



Nov 26 - Rev. Tim, along with Lay Leader Kathleen Forbes, introduces DeDe Nichols (accompanied by Debbie Nichols) to be baptized and become a member of Gray Memorial United Methodist Church.



Kathleen Forbes presents DeDe Nichols with a special prayer shawl.



Rev. Tim reminds every one of their baptism!

### Other Kodak Moments!



Michele Sterner (far right) with her "Terrific Tuesdays" youth who each made a gourd bird feeder during one of their sessions.



*Wendy Bossie did an amazing job explaining the various liturgical colors we use!  
Take some time to see this display in the Library!*



The sanctuary clock finally has its "hands" back after work to refurbish the clock was completed.



*The net proceeds from the Harvest Supper held Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> were \$1,633.00. Bob Thompson & Del Ramey thanks everyone who participated in making this another successful supper and reaching out in fellowship to the Caribou community!*



Our new Advent Series will start on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and we are using the program "Angels Among Us" from Marcia McFee's Worship Design Studio. This program will incorporate the messages of Angels to a number of "characters" in each of the Advent worship services. You won't want to miss any of these services!

#### "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.





The Youth will sell Christmas Trees this year!  
 Schedule is as follows:  
 Saturdays (Dec 2, 9, 16) – 9:00am-4:30pm  
 Sundays (Dec 3, 10, 17) – 12pm-4:30pm  
 Plan to come and support our youth as they raise funds for a future Youth Rally!

The United Methodist Men plan to sponsor the Living Nativity Scene this year – specific dates to be determined at their December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Look for schedule information in upcoming bulletins!



**FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON**

Again this year, the Worship Committee is offering people the opportunity to purchase their own plants/flowers and bring them to the church for display during the Christmas Season.

Flowers are to be brought in or delivered during office hours (9am – 12pm) on **Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** or at **1:00pm on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**, when Worship Committee members are here to arrange them for the December 17<sup>th</sup> Service the next day. If the following information is provided by **Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**, it will be listed in the December 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> bulletins:

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH!**

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

Saturday	02	8:00am	UMM Breakfast & Meeting in Fellowship Hall
		8:30-9:30am	Moms in Prayer Group
		9am-4:30pm	Youth Group Selling Christmas Trees
		1:00pm	Worship Committee Preparing Sanctuary for Advent Season
		2:00pm	Missions & Evangelism Committee ("Angel Tree" preparations)
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Sunday	03	8:45am	Sunday School and Adult Study
		10:00am	Worship - First Sunday of Advent
		12pm-4:30pm	Youth Group Selling Christmas Trees
		3:00pm	Caribou Choral Society Concert at St. Louis Church in Fort Kent
Monday	04	6-8pm	Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Tuesday	05	9:30am	UMW Meeting at Church
		6:30pm	"Terrific Tuesdays Ministry" with Michele
		6:30pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting in Library
Wednesday	06	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	07	6:30pm	Worship Committee Meeting at Church
Saturday	09	8:30-9:30am	Moms in Prayer Group
		9am-4:30pm	Youth Group Selling Christmas Trees
		7:00pm	Caribou Choral Society Concert at Holy Rosary Church, Caribou
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Sunday	10	8:45am	Sunday School and Adult Study
		10:00am	Worship - Second Sunday of Advent
		11:30pm	Education Committee Meeting in Library
		12pm-4:30pm	Youth Group Selling Christmas Trees
		3:00pm	Caribou Choral Society Concert at St. Mary's Church, Presque Isle
Monday	11	6-8pm	Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Tuesday	12	6:00pm	Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry Board Meeting at Pantry
		6:30pm	"Terrific Tuesdays" Ministry with Michele
Wednesday	13	11:30pm	Jennie Lyon Circle Potluck Luncheon & Christmas Party (TIME CHANGE)
		2:15pm	Disciple IV Bible Study (NOTE TIME CHANGE)
		4:30pm	Barbershop Group Practice
		6:00pm	Handbell Choir Practice
		6:15pm	Disciple IV Bible Study
		6:30pm	Senior Choir Practice
		6:30pm	Crown of Maine Quilters at <u>Caribou Inn &amp; Convention Center</u>
Thursday	14	6:30pm	SPRC Meeting at Church
Saturday	16	8:30-9:30am	Moms in Prayer Group
		9am-4:30pm	Youth Group Selling Christmas Trees
		1:00pm	Worship Committee Members at Church to Arrange Christmas Plants



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

Sunday	17	8:45am	Sunday School and Adult Study
		10:00am	Worship - Third Sunday of Advent
		12pm-4:30pm	Youth Group Selling Christmas Trees
Monday	18	6-8pm	Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Tuesday	19	1:00pm	Caregivers Support Group in Fellowship Hall
		6:30pm	"Terrific Tuesdays Ministry" with Michele
		6:30pm	Trustees Meeting at Church
Wednesday	20	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER INPUT</u></b>	
		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	21	6:00pm	Finance/Stewardship Committee Meeting
		6:30pm	Church Council Meeting
Saturday	23	8:00am	UMM Breakfast & Meeting
		8:30-9:30am	Moms in Prayer Group
		9:00am	Missions & Evangelism Committee ("Angel Tree" Gift Preparations)
		1:00pm	"Angel Tree" Gift Deliveries
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Sunday	24	10:00am	Worship - Fourth Sunday of Advent
		4:00pm	Worship - Christmas Eve Family Service
Monday	25	<b><u>FEDERAL HOLIDAY - CHRISTMAS DAY - CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED</u></b>	
Wednesday	27	4:30pm	Barbershop Group Practice
		6:00pm	Handbell Choir Practice
		6:30pm	Senior Choir Practice
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Sunday	31	10:00am	Worship - First Sunday After Christmas Day

