

A Word from the Pastor

June 2018

For most of the last 15 years, I have organized a “Mission Sunday” presentation or speaker on a ministry in the local community or a ministry in the wider church that the local church sponsors in some fashion. Last year, for example, Norman Thombs, director of Camp Mechuwana preached here at Gray Memorial. This year I wanted to offer worship that addressed the prevalence of sexual harassment and assault in our culture and what a Christian response might be. According to recent research over 80% of women in the United States have been victims of sexual harassment or assault as have a little more than 2 in 5 men. One in six women have experienced attempted or completed rape (statistics are from the RAINN organization and the *Stop Street Harassment* poll). The odds are that the majority of the people in worship on any given Sunday have experienced harassment or assault in some form. Almost certainly, everyone has multiple family members, friends, colleagues and neighbors whose lives have been affected by this reality. If we were considering cancer or fire victims, we would have had those affected on our prayer lists and we would have taken steps to assist affected people. When it comes to any form of sexual harassment the church, as has much of our culture, too often been silent. What is different now, is that over recent months we have witnessed an ongoing stream of powerful people being called to account for their destructive behavior. The #MeToo movement has represented the growing voice of those who previously could not speak or feared the results of doing so. Still, many people—including many of us in the church—are still trying to find our voices.

I have invited Pastor Cheryl Stratton from the Limestone UMC to preach on Sunday, June 3 about the reality of sexual harassment in our world. I know this is not an easy topic for many, but I encourage you to attend as we grapple both with the reality of this part of our human condition in our world and with how we can constructively respond as Christians who seek to bring the fruits of the spirit (like joy, love, peace and faithfulness) into reality in our community. Cheryl and I will both participate in this Mission Sunday opportunity which will include the invitation to come to the Lord's table. It is during communion that we are reminded that we are indeed beloved children of God and that we can be agents of healing, wholeness and justice in our community. I encourage you to join us for worship on June 3. Let's move toward finding an authentic and life-giving voice for that which is too often forced into the shadows where suffering happens in silence. If you have any questions or wish to speak with me before or after June 3, please contact me.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Tim



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Greetings from the Church Office!

Welcome to the summer! Even though our calendar at the end of this Newsletter is much shorter than normal, that doesn't mean we are not busy here at the church! Just take a peek at the "Upcoming Events" section - there are several wonderful events throughout the summer! Plan to participate!

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



April 29th & May Prayer Concerns

Prayer Concerns: Debbie, Lu & Dale Sharp, Judi McKee, Reta Haley, Sheila Belyea, Darlene Nelder, Emily Stuart, Phyllis Sykes, Mary Roberts, Keith Drew, Janie Lidey, Megan, Molly, Connie, Claire, Rob Wright, Rodney & Dustin Nichols, TJae Peterson, Johnny Peterson, Deb Nichols, Martha Dunn & Joel & Carter, Bob Ellinwood, Ejnar Adamson, Albert Akeley, Jennifer Beaupre, Kristin McBreairty, Danny Haines, Zelma Merritt, Dennis (no last name), Polly Drew, Norman Bourgoin, Bruce Fitzpatrick, McKayla

On Family Death: The family of Roland Holt; family of Cpl. Eugene Cole; family of Aaron Plourde; family of Carol Johnston; family of Ejnar Adamson; family of Nelson Levesque

Other: Nations of Israel, Palestine, Syria; All who serve in harm's way; Confirmation Class; Fruitful Congregation Team; prayers of joy for Mary & Ed Ouellette on their 40th Wedding Anniversary!

EASE 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>
June 3	Mary Ouellette	Marcia & David DeMerchant	Shirley Bowman	Prayer Shawl Ministry
June 10	Bobbi Pelletier	Jean & Stephen Cashman	Jean Cashman	UMW/Jennie Lyon Circle
June 17	Del Ramey	Mary & Mike Ayers	Jean Cashman	SPRC
June 24	Dean Rauch	Erika & Melonie Carlson	Jean Cashman	Worship Committee

June Usher Coordinator: Bill Thomas

June Communion Stewardess: Ruthann Weeks

Organist/Pianist: Jun 3-Mary Lou Brown; Jun 10-Judi Greenier; Jun 17-Margaret Cyr; Jun 24-Mary Lou Brown

Acolytes: Jun 3-Lauren Craig & Alden Wilcox; Jun 10-Friedrich Wilcox; Jun 17-Darrell Adams; Jun 24-Lauren Craig

Child Care Volunteers: Jun 3-Diana Locke; Jun 10-Samuela Manages; Jun 17-Roberta Walton; Jun 24-Dawn Westman

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!

* * June 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	Wendy Bossie	17	Brian Doody
2	Dale Fowler, Craig Staples	18	Kathryn Fletcher, Erin McBreairty
3	Melinda Thibodeau	19	Michele Blackstone, Dale Dee
5	Betty Branscom, Glen Warner	22	Gwen Ferguson
7	Ryan Sherman	24	Ben Wakana
8	Stephen Bailey, Tom Richardson	25	Michelle Branscom
9	Darrell Adams II	26	David Belyea, Sherri DeMerchant
10	Ashleigh Craig, Leila Robertson, Celena Sharp	27	Amanda Mockler
12	Cameron Doody, Scott Witmer	28	Audrey Bubar, Quinn DeMerchant, Carole Doody, Caleb Espling
14	Eloise Penny	29	Charlene Gage, Rebecca Rife, Alden Wilcox
16	Patricia Adams, Jillian Jandreau, Danielle Lombard, Christy Van Egmond		



9	Sylvia & Albert Akeley	23	Mary & Mike Ayers
10	Josselyn & Adam Langworthy	24	Sherri & Ray DeMerchant
16	Diane & Philip McDonough	25	Debbie & Bob Jordan
18	Marie & Tom Beckum	26	Kim & Travis Barnes
20	Diana & Dean Rauch	27	Peggy & Steve Bailey; Hope & Scott Walton
21	Diane & Bruce Fitzpatrick	28	Carole & Steve Doody; Duska & Jeff Franklin
29	Kristi & Vince Bell		

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>
April 29	105	\$2,863.00
May 6	106	\$6,198.51
May 13	108	\$2,209.02
May 20	89	\$3,588.99
May 27	100	\$2,272.00

Needed to meet 2018 Budget: \$3,989.24 weekly

Capital Account Seed Money:

We continue to receive donations for the "Capital Account Seed Money" account each month. The balance in the account as of May 27th is \$20,942.58.

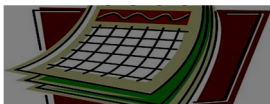
Changes to November 2016 Church Directory (June 2018):

DeMerchant, Sherri & Ray: new email address – rsdemerchant@gmail.com

Walton, Conrad & Roberta: new phone number – 492-2184

Mechuwana

Summer camp information for Camp Mechuwana is available. Camps range from creative arts to music theater and outdoor adventure to sports. There are even camps for children with a parent or significant other and "golden oldies." Camp scholarships (for all summer camps, not just Mechuwana) are available, too. See Rev. Tim or inquire at the church office.



Rev. Tim's Normal Weekly Hours

You can arrange time to meet with Rev. Tim on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday – Friday by appointment. Monday is Rev. Tim's usual day off. Due to the highly changeable nature of his schedule, please call ahead before making a special trip to the church.

Lay Visitation Training

Rev. Tim will offer training and commissioning for people of the church who visit others in the name of Jesus Christ. Using a model with parallels to our home communion program, our goal is to build a process that provides care coverage on a comprehensive and regular basis for those who would like to have it. The training will cover basic principles of visitation, some common scenarios and some organization to such a ministry at Gray Memorial UMC. Brief informational sessions will be held after church on June 3 & 10 with the training arranged based on participant's schedules. If you already offer visits this is an opportunity to enhance your ministry. If you are considering making visitation part of your ministry, there is great flexibility in how, how often and when you make visits. If you would like more information or have an interest, please speak with Rev. Tim and plan to attend these two informational meetings on June 3 & 10.

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



The handbell choir, directed by Tamara Wilcox, played "Israel's Joy" on Sunday, April 29th.

"Bells the Bear" was circulated on April 29th and May 6th to accept donations for the handbell choir to purchase a set of hand-chimes.
In just a couple of weeks, we received more than enough donations to purchase the hand-chimes!
Thank you!



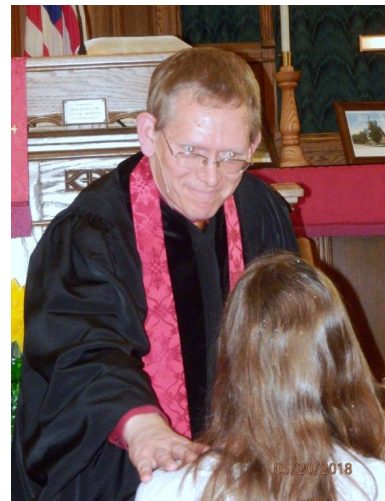
Del Ramey & the Senior Choir sang "Jesus Has Time" (a congregation favorite from several years ago!) as children were assembling for the "Children's Time"!



In celebration of “Heritage Sunday”, several historical pictures of the Gray Memorial church and parsonage were on display on the altar and also in the Fellowship Hall.



May 20th – Baptism of Lauren Craig
Andy Craig, Kathleen Forbes (lay leader), Rev. Tim and Jennifer Craig



Rev. Tim extends a blessing to Lauren



Rev. Tim leads the congregation in the Confirmation of Lauren Craig & Alden Wilcox

Lauren’s parents are Andy & Jennifer Craig of Caribou.
Her mentor was Michele Sterner.

Alden’s parents are Tim & Tamara Wilcox of Caribou.
Alden’s mentor was Dave Belyea.

Rev. Tim, Kathleen Forbes, Lauren Craig, Michele Sterner (Lauren’s Mentor), Jennifer & Andy Craig, Alden Wilcox, Dave Belyea (Alden’s Mentor) and Tamara Wilcox



Lauren Craig's "Laying on of Hands" for Confirmation



Alden Wilcox's "Laying on of Hands" for Confirmation

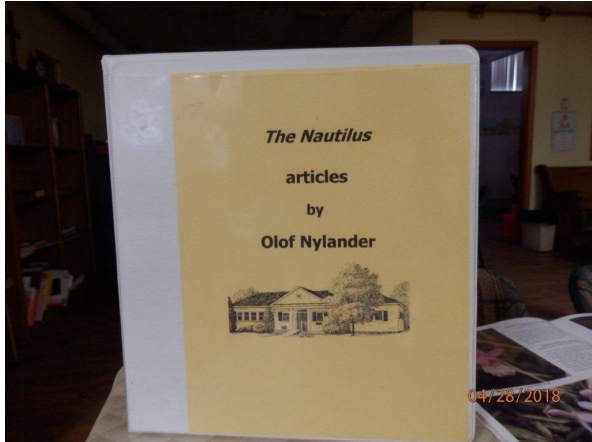


Lauren & Alden are presented with special Confirmation prayer shawls by Penny Shaw & Diane Fitzpatrick



Rev. Tim blesses the Confirmation Prayer Shawls and Lauren & Alden!

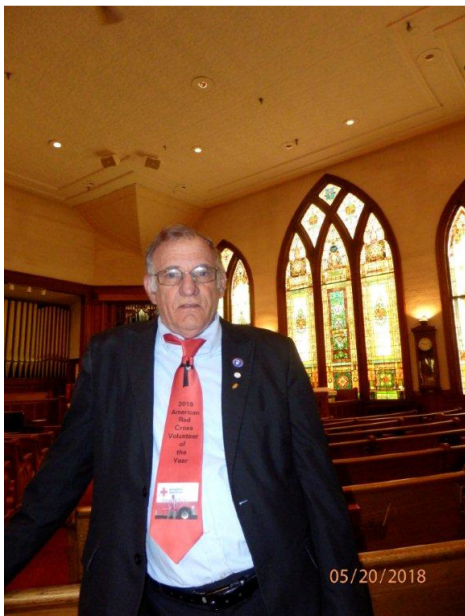
Other Kodak Moments!



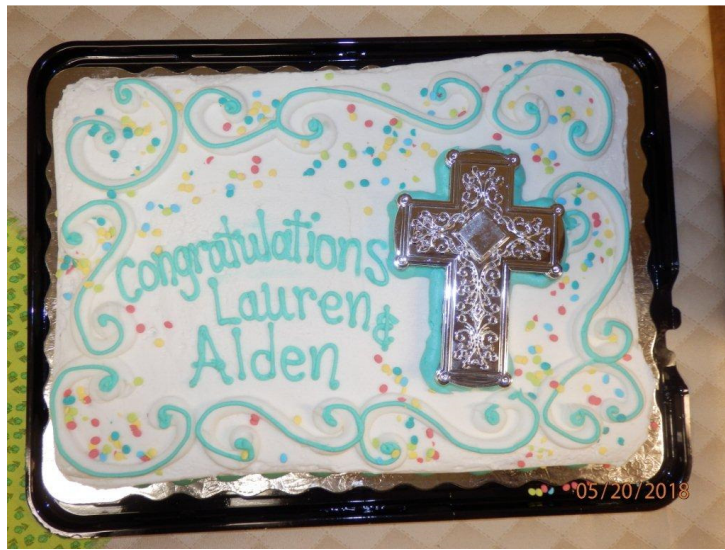
Debbie Nichols was the guest speaker at the UMM Breakfast Saturday, April 28th. She talked about the Nylander Museum.



Bill Thomas was honored as the "Volunteer of the Year" by the American Red Cross at the Real Heroes Breakfast on May 18th.
(these two pictures were taken by Rev. Tim)



Bill asked for a tie (rather than a plaque) for his
American Red Cross
"Volunteer of the Year" award!
He proudly wore it to church on May 20th!



Special cake for Lauren Craig & Alden Wilcox, who were confirmed and became members on Sunday, May 20th!



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 or contact the church office.



UMW is having a "Pie Sale" on Tuesday, July 3rd beginning at 9AM until all pies are sold! Come and support the unit and buy a pie (or two) for your July 4th cookout!



Anyone wishing to contribute a baked pie for the sale, please bring to the church on Monday morning from 9-12 or between 8:30 and 9 on Tuesday morning.



Summer Musicale: OPUS XV!!!!
 Sunday, July 8th at 2PM
 Come and enjoy some of our favorite performers
 from previous years!
 Refreshments served after the Musicale!

This year, Gray Memorial is partnering with the United Baptist Church for Vacation Bible School!



VBS 2018: Sunday, July 29th – Friday, August 3rd
 6:30pm – 8:30pm

United Baptist Church, High Street

Ages: 4 years to 6th grade (older children can be helpers)

More information, along with registration forms, will be available soon!

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, be tribe leaders, market place dealers, extra eyes and hands and more.
 We also need greenery (palm trees, hanging baskets and large baskets to put stuff in)
 and large pieces of cardboard about 3' x 4' and larger

For more information, speak with Colleen Harmon 540-2665 or Pat Dobson 551-7226

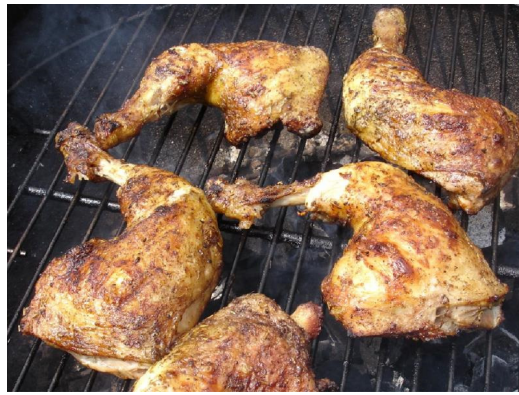


Ox, Chameleon, Gazelle, Lion & Ostrich

These are the "Characters" our VBS guests will see during their week at "Babylon"!

Annual Chicken BBQ!!!
Saturday, August 11th (tentative date)
Open to public 10am to 2pm!

Church helpers plan on 8:30am-3:00pm!



The Worship Committee is planning another
“Outdoor Worship Service” at Collins Pond Park this year!
Let’s pray the weather cooperates again this year!

Date: August 12th; Rain-date: August 26th!

Bring a lawn chair and come and enjoy this wonderful space!



One of the pictures taken at last year’s Outdoor Worship Service at Collins Pond Park!



Next sermon series: “People’s Choice” series – sermons requested or inspired by GMUMC members:

May 27 - (Memorial Day weekend)), service will be based on the book “The Faith of an American Soldier”.

June 3 - Mission Sunday and Graduation Sunday; co-led by Rev. Tim and Pastor Cheryl Stratton. Pastor Stratton will preach about our Christian response to the #MeToo movement and with the women and men of our community who have been harassed, abused or assaulted.

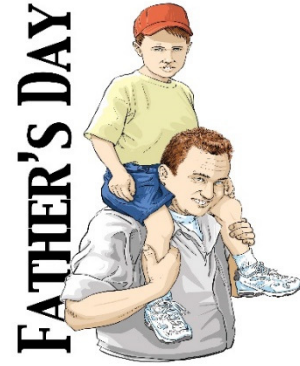
June 10 – Messages from the “Windows of Gray Memorial UMC”

June 24 – Are “Thoughts and prayers” response enough?

July 1 – Faith and the Prosperity Gospel (based on the bestselling book Prayer of Jabez.)

WHAT DOES A FATHER DO?

I received a letter from a single mother who had raised a son who was about to become a dad. Since he had no recollection of his own father, her question to me was "What do I tell him a father does?"



When my dad died in my ninth year, I, too, was raised by my mother, giving rise to the same question, "What do fathers do?" As far as I could observe, they brought around the car when it rained so everyone else could stay dry.

They always took the family pictures, which is why they were never in them. They carved turkeys on Thanksgiving, kept the car gassed up, weren't afraid to go into the basement, mowed the lawn, and tightened the clothesline to keep it from sagging.

It wasn't until my husband and I had children that I was able to observe firsthand what a father contributed to a child's life. What did he do to deserve his children's respect? He rarely fed them, did anything about their sagging diapers, wiped their noses or fannies, played ball, or bonded with them under the hoods of their cars.

What did he do?

He threw them higher than his head until they were weak from laughter. He cast the deciding vote on the puppy debate. He listened more than he talked. He let them make mistakes. He allowed them to fall from their first two-wheeler without having a heart attack. He read a newspaper while they were trying to parallel park a car for the first time in preparation for their driving test.

If I had to tell someone's son what a father really does that is important, it would be that he shows up for the job in good times and bad times. He's a man who is constantly being observed by his children. They learn from him how to handle adversity, anger, disappointment and success.

He won't laugh at their dreams no matter how impossible they might seem. He will dig out at 1 a.m. when one of his children runs out of gas. He will make unpopular decisions and stand by them. When he is wrong and makes a mistake, he will admit it. He sets the tone for how family members treat one another, members of the opposite sex and people who are different than they are. By example, he can instill a desire to give something back to the community when its needs are greater than theirs.

But mostly, a good father involves himself in his kids' lives. The more responsibility he has for a child, the harder it is to walk out of his life. A father has the potential to be a powerful force in the life of a child. Grab it! Maybe you'll get a greeting card for your efforts. Maybe not. But it's steady work.

— Erma Bombeck, Field Enterprises.

TO ALL FATHERS – HAPPY AND BLESSED FATHER'S DAY!!!!



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 4-29-18

ATTENDEES: Judi Greenier (standing in for Diane McDonough), Claire Hodgkins, Kathie Forbes, Bobbi Pelletier, Susan White, Debbie Barnes, Colleen Harmon, Lee Frost, Bob Thompson, and Rev. Tim Wilcox.

A special meeting of the Church Council met in the church library at 11:15 am after the Sunday service for a presentation by Bob Thompson of the current and future hopes for the technology piece of the church. Bob explained that there were areas in the technology area that needed upgrades and expanding. One thing that is much needed is a secondary WIFI service specifically for phones as the existing service is negatively affected by too many users. The Committee did do some work to correct the feedback and other computer related problems last December, but the computer is old and needs to be replaced. There needs to be access point expansion around the church. New mics have been installed on the pulpit and lectern.

Kathie volunteered that after watching a segment on church security, she thought another component that should be considered in the future would be a camera system to bolster safety concerns.

Bob shared that the upgrades would cost an estimated \$1,367.00 plus labor of about \$500 more. With left over money from the Chicken BBQ (\$460) and the fall Harvest Supper (\$2,000), there should be enough money to cover those costs. Members of the Finance & Stewardship Committee did not feel using money from the Budget line would be appropriate due to the ongoing need to pay for internet and phone service which costs about \$64 a month now.

The Council voted to use the BBQ and Harvest supper moneys to upgrade the technology issues addressed in Bob's presentation.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 11:28 am.

Respectfully submitted by Claire Hodgkins, Secretary

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

5-17-18

ATTENDEES: Judi Greenier (standing in for Diane McDonough), Claire Hodgkins, Tamara Wilcox, Rev. Tim Wilcox, Bill Thomas, Susan White, Colleen Harmon, Debbie Barnes, Mary Lou Brown, Stephen Cashman and Bobbi Pelletier.

The meeting was called to order by Judi Greenier at 6:45 PM with a prayer by Rev. Tim which included prayers for members, relatives and friends who are ill. A brief discussion of one correction in last month's minutes of the Trustee report. The Local Organ Fund was amended to read \$2,532.92. The minutes of last month's meeting were amended then passed as printed and published. Bobbi requested that Chairs read over the draft minutes she sends out to make sure these corrections are made before the minutes go into the Newsletter.

CLUSTER: Bill Thomas reported that the Cluster is working on a grant to raise money to get guest speakers up to our area. Also, the Cluster is looking for nominations for its Social Action Award which it hopes can be in by August.

EDUCATION AND FAMILY MINISTRIES: No Report

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP: Tamara Wilcox reported on the Offerings for April. The Regular Offerings for Church use amounted to \$15,254.51 with additional offerings for birthdays (\$145) and Easter (\$496) for a total of \$15,895.51. Reimbursements were \$12 for Education. Special Funds for Church Use amounted to \$2,010.29 which included the following:

Coffee Fellowship	\$33	Capital Account Seed Money	\$415
Youth	\$20	Handbell Choir	\$378
Fuel Oil	\$90	Italian Supper	\$942
Prayer Shawl	\$132		

Special Funds NOT for Church Use amounted to \$1,967.00 which included the following:

Reitmeyer Family Fire	\$1,526
Holy Week- Caribou Ministerial Ass.	\$392
Ecumenical Food Pantry	\$12
Native American Sunday	\$37

The total offering for April was \$19,884.80.

Bobbi Pelletier reported the following Checkbook figures for April as follows:

Beginning Balance	\$2,039.95
2018 Operating Income	15,895.51
Interest	1.88
Less EFT fee	(26.28)
Less Expenses	(13,059.63)
Ending Balance	4,851.43

Bobbi explained that she plans to combine related line items in Special Funds for Church Use to simplify the reported. All lines will be identified as to which Committee they belong. We should begin to see these changes next month.

The \$25,000 invested with Thompson/Hamel LLC for the Memorial Garden on June 29, 2017 at an investment cost of \$1,073.778, as of April 30, 2018, on-line report shows and ending value of \$24,377.92.

The Beginning Balance on April 1 for the Capital Account Seed Money was \$20,080.17. There were deposits of \$416.41, no expenditures, with an ending Balance of \$20,496.58.

Mission Shares were paid up through April. Dead River Balances as of 4-30-18 were Church (615.65) and Parsonage (\$595.97). While there is no bill in May, Bobbi was able to pay off the balances to Dead River from the Fuel Fund.

Debbie Barnes reported on the Budget year to date as follows:

April Target was \$69,146.83. Tithes and Offerings were \$66,848.55. Total Expenses were \$64,243.00. There were no unpaid bills. Average attendance in April was 105 bringing the average attendance for the YTD to 88 up from 83 in March.

Debbie asks that Treasurers hand in Audit materials to Bobbi as soon as possible as the Audit Committee has been assembled to do our annual Audit. The Committee has begun work on the coming year's campaign. She also announced that Carol Norsworthy will be stepping down from this Committee.

MEMORIALS: The Memorial Committee will award one Scholarship on Graduation Sunday, June 3rd.

SPRC: SPRC met on Thursday, May 10, 2018. Guests in attendance were Trustees Chairperson, Mary Lou Brown and Interim Church Custodian, Judson Drake. Mr. Drake shared with the committee some of the work he has been doing in his role as the interim Church Custodian. He discussed ideas for the position moving forward for the committee to consider. After Mr. Drake's presentation he and Mary Lou left and the committee discussed the options presented to them. The committee agreed that the work that Mr. Drake has done up to this point has been excellent. It was decided that the committee would ask the Finance Committee if there was any additional funding available that would support increased hours for the position of Church Custodian for June – December 2018. Pending the outcome of this request the committee will have further conversations with Mr. Drake.

In discussion with the Council it was agreed that Sue would present a proposal to Mr. Drake as a compromise to his proposal which would include 15 hours a week at \$19 an hour. It is hoped that more funds could be raised in the future to increase hours. It was decided to transfer \$4,100.00 from one Trustee line (Church Utilities) to the "Custodian" line in SPRC budget for this purpose.

Reverend Tim shared his tentative summer schedule with the committee. He also updated the committee on recent visitations and his plans to use other church members to assist in visitations.

MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM: No report.

TRUSTEES: The Trustees have approved Tamara's request to paint the kitchen cupboards, and for Friedrich to paint his bedroom.

Judi Greenier reported the local funds figures for 5-15-18 as follows:

Organ Fund	\$2,533	Church Clock	\$528
Steeple Maintenance	\$1,007	Pastor's Moving	\$2,945
Trustees' CD	\$10,125	Checkbook Balance	\$3,912

UMM: The men will be working on moving the patio out from the Parsonage because right now it is a cause for water getting into the basement.

UMW: No Report. Jennie Lyon Circle meeting opened with the pledge of the "Purpose of United Methodist Women", welcoming of members and guests. Cindy Haron introduced Healing Foods from the Bible by Bernard Ward pointing out different foods mentioned in the Bible such as mint as an antispasmodic. Her talk was followed by a great luncheon. Speaker for the day was Red Cross representative Mary Green explaining many of the services provided and opportunities for donating time and funds in support of their work. Mary has done hands on work in Georgia and St. Croix Island and impressed upon us the vast devastation she had encountered as well as her thankfulness to be able to help. Out of donations given to Red Cross ninety-one cents of every dollar goes directly to help disaster persons. Mary urged us to attend the Real Heroes breakfast May 19th to help celebrate the work of our own Bill Thomas.

Mary Lou gave a brief devotion following reading of the minutes of our April meeting. Ruth Ross gave the treasurer's report with bank balance of \$215.45. Several members will be attending a tea at Grant Memorial on May 19, 2018 at 10:30AM. Jennie Lyon members will

be helping with refreshments following the memorial service for Dr. Phil Turner on May 26th. We will be hosting Coffee Fellowship on June 3 (**note – this has changed to June 10th**). Our annual "Ladies Out" luncheon will be June 13, 2018 at 11:30AM at Caribou Inn and Convention Center.

Our next meeting at church will be July 11, 2018 with luncheon and business meeting, DeDe Nichols leading devotions and Mary Lou providing dessert. Program to be announced. All ladies and their guests are cordially invited to attend.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

Committee met on May 3rd. Items discussed:

Upcoming Sundays:

May 6 – Communion; Confirmation class attending worship

May 13 – Ascension Sunday; Mother's Day – received gifts and recruited people to pass them out after Worship

May 20 – Pentecost; Heritage Sunday (will recognize one new 50-year member, Carolyn Campbell); she did not respond to our letter inviting her to attend); Confirmation Sunday – Lauren Craig (baptism too) and Alden Wilcox will be confirmed and become Members of the church; Diane Fitzpatrick will present gifts and prayer shawls

May 27 – Trinity Sunday; Peace with Justice (special offering)

June 3 – Communion; Graduation Sunday – recognition of graduates & presentation of scholarships; Pastor Cheryl Stratton will speak on "Me Too" movement

June 10 – Disciple Class Recognition; last Sunday for Senior Choir

June 17 – Father's Day; Bobbi & Diane will hand out gifts

We have reached out to another veteran to help with organist rotation – Gretchen Brissette has volunteered for a few Sundays this summer!

Discussion about usher responsibilities/suggestions: parking elsewhere to free up spots in the near parking area; providing more assistance to people who need help getting into the church; making sure the people downstairs (child care) are notified when it's time to come up for communion; head set batteries should be removed each week to prevent erosion. Bobbi will meet with Bill Thomas to discuss.

New pulpit microphone received and installed.

Margaret is making contact with some people to perform at the Summer Musicale: Opus XV on Sunday, July 8th at 2pm.

Discussion about Outside Worship Service at Collins Park – date is August 12th and rain-date is August 26th.

Rev. Tim's "A Place to Call Home" series ends May 20th; he will then do "The People's Choice" series based on suggestions received from the congregation for 4 or 5 Sunday; balance of summer – follow lectionary; after summer, another Worship Design Studio series.

We have taken steps to prevent incorrect version of the bible readings during Worship service.

Senior Choir will sing "Jesus Loves Me" on Communion Sundays and "Jesus Has Time" on non-communion Sundays.

Hymn sing will most likely begin on June 17th.

Bobbi notified the committee that the Garden Maintenance annual contract was awarded to North End Landscaping.

At our April meeting, Diana Locke suggested the church sponsor a Mission Project. We had further discussion and suggestion of collecting food and/or clothing was made. Diana will report back at next month's meeting.

Bobbi asked if members present at the meeting wished to continue serving – all said yes. We are seeking additional members.

Additional discussion – Confirmation gift ideas, several suggestions were offered; Rev. Tim told us there will be several Sundays during the summer (end of June – beginning of August) where lay speakers will preside over the Worship services.

PASTOR'S TIME: Rev. Tim is looking for suggestions for sermon topics this summer. He plans one on the "MeToo" movement. There are only two Disciple classes left. He plans Companions in Christ classes this fall and future plans for more Disciple classes. He is working with SPRC on a proposed "Visitations" ministry with training. Annual Conference is June 14-16. Friedrich will be going. There will be a special Church Conference June 10th to accept the nominations for Committee posts for the coming year. The Confirmation class is collecting shoes for their project. The Fruitful Congregation team will be meeting to decide how to present their proposal for change to the congregations.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is June 21st at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Claire Hodgkins, Secretary

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JUNE 2018!!!!

Saturday	02	1:00pm	Wedding - Tyler Brooks and Emily Cyr
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Sunday	03	8:45am	Sunday School (last session)
		10:00am	Worship - Second Sunday After Pentecost; Graduation Sunday; Pastor Cheryl Stratton speaks on "Me Too" Movement
		11:30am	Brief Informational Meeting for Lay Visitation Teams
Tuesday	05	9:30am	UMW Meeting at Church (note date change)
		6:30pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting in Library
		6:30pm	"Terrific Tuesdays Ministry" with Michele (last session of season)
Wednesday	06	12:15pm	Disciple IV Bible Study (last session-note earlier start)
		5:30pm	Disciple IV Bible Study (last session-note earlier start)
Thursday	07	6:30pm	Worship Committee Meeting at Church
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Sunday	10	10:00am	Worship-Third Sunday After Pentecost; Disciple Bible Class Recognition; Special Church Conference to Elect Leaders for Jul 2018-Jun 2019
		11:30am	Education Committee Meeting in Library
		11:30am	Brief Informational Meeting for Lay Visitation Teams
Tuesday	12	6:00pm	Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry Board Meeting at Pantry
Wednesday	13	11:30am	Jennie Lyon Circle Lunch at Caribou Inn (note earlier time!)
		6:30pm	Crown of Maine Quilters at Gray Memorial UMC, Caribou
Thursday	14	6:30pm	SPRC Meeting at Church
Saturday	16	1-2:30pm	Brownie Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
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Sunday	17	10:00am	Worship - Fourth Sunday After Pentecost; Father's Day
		11:30am	Education Committee Meeting in Library
Tuesday	19	1:00pm	Caregivers Support Group in Fellowship Hall
		6:00pm	Trustees Meeting at Church
Thursday	21		<u>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER</u>
		6:00pm	Finance/Stewardship Committee Meeting at Church
		6:30pm	Church Council Meeting at Church
Friday	22		<u>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER INPUT</u>
Saturday	23	8:00am	UMM Breakfast & Meeting in Fellowship Hall
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Sunday	24	10:00am	Worship - Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

