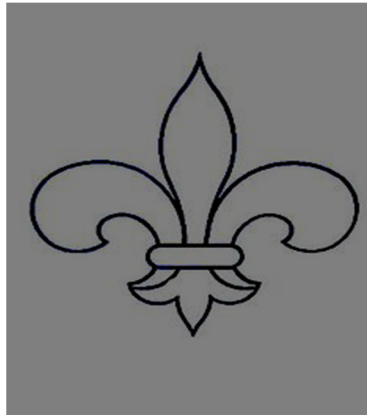


Quick! What do the following three images have in common?

(answers will come later—don't sneak a peek yet)



As you go about your typical day, what reminds you of God's presence in your life? As you drive to work or to your next appointment for the day, what helps you stay connected to your faith? Perhaps the beauty of the world around you helps you see God. Maybe someone's kindness enables you to encounter Christ. You might feel the Holy Spirit when you pray or are at an event at church. I happen to have an office inside our church, right next to the sanctuary. Even then, it is possible to sometimes take for granted what is right in front of me.

ANSWER: they are all images that appear in similar form somewhere in Gray Memorial UMC's stained glass windows (I have a book with nearly every Christian symbol that appears in churches, including GMUMC's windows and paraments, and their scriptural references. Be in touch if you would like to check it out. You can also search these symbols online).

On June 10, I preached about the meaning in the stained glass windows at Gray Memorial. It was interesting to me the number of people who commented about noticing elements of the windows they hadn't noticed before or appreciating the windows in a renewed way even though, in some cases they have been worshipping amongst the windows for a long time. I believe that those who arranged for our windows to be built wanted reminders of several of the critical elements of our faith in Jesus Christ and how we can illumine these same qualities in others. Sometimes in our journey of faith, we miss the clear signs of Christ's presence among us even though they have always been there. It isn't that God went away or even that we are bad people. We get distracted. Scenes become too familiar. We are busy. Faith is compartmentalized. So, instead, think about what might happen if you expected to see God everywhere you went in most places you look. Think how that might transform your view of God and of the impact of faith. When I expand how and where I see God in the world, the meaning and impact of our Christian faith grows. My prayer is that in similar ways, your faith will grow, too.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Tim



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Greetings from the Church Office!

GMUMC 101 Class - There will be a GMUMC 101 class between mid-August to late September time frame. This is a great class both for those interested in becoming a professing member of our congregation and for those who would like a refresher in the beliefs, history and polity (organization) of both the United Methodist Church and of Gray Memorial United Methodist Church. There are a total of 8 contact hours for the class and they can be arranged in about any format, depending on the schedules of the people involved. If you are interested in being part of this class, please speak with Rev. Tim or leave a message with the church office by August 5.

I am taking vacation time July 13-20 for a family reunion that has been nearly a year in the making! I also plan to meet my new great-granddaughter (yes, a GREAT granddaughter) Annabella while I am away. She was born on June 21st! Ruthann Weeks has agreed to cover the church office for me (Thanks so much!).

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 also email 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



June Prayer Concerns

Prayer Concerns: Debbie, Lu & Dale Sharp, Judi McKee, Reta Haley, Sheila Belyea, Darlene Nelder, Emily Stuart, Phyllis Sykes, Bob Ellinwood, Diane McDonough, Gerald Michaud, Janie Lidey, Mary Roberts, Theresa Wunderlich, Keith Drew, Polly Drew, Bruce Fitzpatrick, Rodney Nichols, Brittany Harward, Rob Wright, Norman Bourgoin, Jennifer Beaupre, Kristin McBreairty, Danny Haines, Kathy Mills, Ivan Shaw, Barbara Van Kirk, Dustin Nichols, Tom Green, Emmett Ross

On Family Death: The family of Jeanne Beaulieu; family of Bunny Doak; family of Molly Worthley

Other: Nations of Israel, Palestine, Syria; All who serve in harm's way; prayers for Jill & Anthony Reed & Family as they drive/move to California; prayers of joy for Caribou High School Boys Track Team winning Class C Track Meet! (coach - Roy Alden); prayer for peace with North Korea; Louis & Judi Greenier as he recovers from surgery; Joy - birth of Annabella Rose Brennan on June 21st (Bobbi Pelletier's great-granddaughter!)

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!

Thank You note received: "Words can't quite express how much we appreciate the generous donation made by the Church! Our family endured quite a challenge and the kindness of your church helped us through it. Simply put, Thank You!" The Reitmeyers (Jamey & Amy). This note is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

REMINDERS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LITURGIST</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>COUNTER</u>	<u>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP</u>
July 1	Friedrich Wilcox	Penny & Ivan Shaw	Jean Cashman	Trustees
July 8	Dave Belyea	Susan & Karen White	Jean Cashman	Missions & Evangelism
July 15	Alden Wilcox	Roberta & Conrad Walton	Jean Cashman	Finance/Stewardship
July 22	Mary Lou Brown	Ruthann & John Weeks	Elsie Doody	Worship Committee
July 29	Richard Clark	Mary Anderson & Duska Franklin	Elsie Doody	NO VOLUNTEERS!

July Usher Coordinator: Debbie Barnes

July Communion Stewardess: Joeline Boucher

Organist/Pianist: Jul 1-Gretchen Brissette; Jul 8 – Susan Clark; Jul 15-Mary Lou Brown; Jul 22-Judi Greenier; Jul 29-Margaret Cyr

Acolytes: July 1 – Lauren Craig & Darrell Adams

Child Care Volunteers: Jul 1-Meagan Irving; Jul 8-Diane Fitzpatrick; Jul 15-TBD; Jul 22 Samuela Manages; Jul 29-Roberta Walton

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!

* * July Birthdays & Anniversaries * *

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

Remember your birthday & anniversary by making a special offering!



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| 1 | Dawn Powell, Robert White | 17 | Nicole Cyr, Shawn Frost, Neal Genz,
Deanna Whitmore |
| 2 | Marilyn Langley, Tyra Sterner | 18 | Emily Soderberg |
| 3 | Tracey Nichols | 19 | Marcia DeMerchant, Ginger Kieffer,
Sarah McBreairty |
| 4 | Friedrich Wilcox | 20 | Robert Cyr |
| 5 | Madison Jandreau, Anna Roberts,
Skip Walters | 21 | Deborah McPherson |
| 6 | Christopher Belyea | 23 | Kerrigan Manter, Christiane Washington |
| 9 | Jillian Langworthy, Garrick Milton | 26 | Mary Anderson |
| 13 | Bruce Fitzpatrick, Norma Thompson | 27 | Susan Clark, Phil McDonough |
| 14 | Will Barnum, Robbie Irving, Norma Milton | 29 | Gwen Ellinwood, Mena Irving |
| 15 | Duska Adams, Sue White | 30 | Pearl Cole, Cindy Morrow |
| 16 | Jessica Michaud | | |



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| 1 | Phyllis Anderson & Dan DaCosta | 11 | Elsie & Bob Locke |
| 3 | Ioana & Peter Bentum | 13 | Hannah & Nathan Wells |
| 5 | Cathy & Skip Walters | 15 | Denise & Dale Levesque,
Tamara & Timothy Wilcox |
| 9 | Lydia & Matthew Till | 23 | Betheny & Greg Anderson, Barb & Dale Dee |
| 10 | Marjie & Peter Edgecomb,
Karen & Robert White | 29 | April & Chad Stallings,
Christiane & Rey Washington |

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:

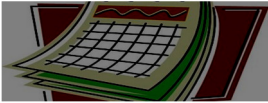
<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Operating Fund Offering</u>
June 3	92	\$4,068.00
June 10	95	\$2,641.00
June 17	80	\$2,436.00
June 24	89	\$5,895.00

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 June 24th is \$21,309.83.

Changes to November 2016 Church Directory (July 2018): None



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.



During our summer worship services, we will have "special music" guests:

- July 15 – Kathie Forbes & Josselyn Langworthy (vocal duet)
- July 22 – Dean Rauch & Del Ramey (vocal duet)
- July 29 – Doris Jeffery & Margaret Cyr (organ & piano)
- August 5 – Wilcox Family (handbells)
- August 12 – Heather Maynard (vocalist)
- August 19 – Sean Diette (instrumental)
- August 26 – Del Ramey (soloist)
- September 2 – Senior Choir returns!

Pictures from our Worship Services!!

(photos by Dale Sharp, unless otherwise noted)



June 10th - Rev. Tim recognized the individuals who completed the 32-week Disciple IV Bible Study. From left to right – Steve Cashman, Richard Clark, Susan Clark, Bill Thomas, Mary Ouellette, Dave DeMerchant, Deb Nichols, Pat Dobson, DeDe Nichols, Dale Dee, Ruthann Weeks, Bobbi Pelletier, Shirley Bowman, Judi Greenier and Karen White.
(Not pictured – Betty Branscom, Cathie Griffeth, Diane McDonough, Lehrle Kieffer, Alma Pelletier)



Rev. Tim offers a prayer for all the Disciple IV classmates!



June 24 – Rose on the altar in honor of Annabella Rose Brennan, born June 21st. Annabella is the great-granddaughter of Bobbi Pelletier!

Dean Rauch was the liturgist on June 24th! (He had a tough scripture reading from 1 Chronicles 4:1-10 and did a great job!)

Other Kodak Moments!



Disciple IV Afternoon Session Participants on their last day! The group shared in a Fellowship Meal, Foot Washing and Communion as part of the closing session after 32 weeks of study! (Bill Thomas, Ruthann Weeks, David DeMerchant, Lehrle Kieffer, Rev. Tim Wilcox, Betty Branscom, Judi Greenier, Bobbi Pelletier and Mary Ouellette.) Also part of the afternoon class were Diane McDonough, Cathy Griffeth and DeDe Nichols. (photo taken by Judson Drake)



Disciple IV Evening Session Participants on their last day! The group shared in a Fellowship Meal, Foot Washing and Communion as part of the closing session after 32 weeks of study! (Front row – Shirley Bowman, Alma Pelletier, Duska Franklin, Dale Dee, Pat Dobson; back row – Richard Clark, Deb Nichols, Steve Cashman, Rev. Tim Wilcox)
Also part of the evening class was Susan Clark.
(Photo taken by Jeff Franklin)



June 24- Jennie Lyon Circle had a special Birthday Cake during Coffee Fellowship in honor of Audrey Bubar's 90th Birthday on June 28th!



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 (498-2103).

The Worship Committee has decided to sponsor a church-wide Mission Project to provide local school children with a variety of items, such as socks, underwear, toiletries (sample/travel size), hats, mittens, gloves etc. Once a month, we will also help one child and gather more specific items for them. This overall project will begin in August, so look for announcements in the bulletin and future Newsletters that will provide more information and collection points. We hope everyone in the Gray Memorial family will help with this project!



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 home-made 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!

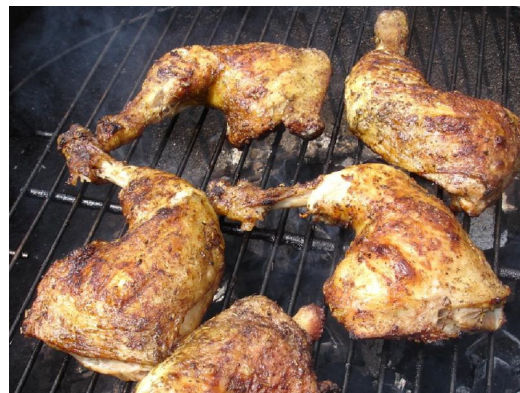


VBS 2018: Sunday, July 29th – Friday, August 3rd
6:30pm – 8:30pm
United Baptist Church, High Street
Ages: 4 years to 6th grade (older children can be helpers)
More information, along with registration forms, will be available soon!

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

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!



Pictures taken at last year’s Outdoor Worship Service at Collins Pond Park!

SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE
6-10-18

Rev. Tim Wilcox, who stood in for our District Superintendent, The Rev. Jackie Brannen, called a Special Church Conference during today’s service so that the Congregation could vote on the nominations put forth by the church Nominating Committee for the July, 2018 to June, 2019 calendar year. The following is a list of nominees for open places on church committees which the Congregation endorsed:

CHURCH COUNCIL:

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| Chairperson | Roy Alden |
| Co-Lay Leader (New Change) | Steve Cashman will join Kathleen Forbes |
| Lay Member of Annual Conference | TBD |
| Alternate Lay Member/Equalization Member | Darrell Adams |
| Member-At-Large | Colleen Harmon |
| Missions & Evangelism | Bobbi Pelletier |
| Trustees Chair (elected by Trustees) | TBD |

MINISTRY COMMITTEES:

(Chairs of ministry committees are elected annually but committee members are selected as needed by the committee itself)

EDUCATION:

Colleen Harmon (New Member)

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM:

Ken Peters (New Member)

WORSHIP:

Organist (Vacant)

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

(Chairs are elected to a one year term and member to a three year term)

(TBD = to be elected by own Committee or need more conversation)

FINANCE:

Church Council Chair - Roy Alden

Trustees Representative - TBD

Lay Leader - TBD

Lay Member of Annual Conference - TBD

Member (serve until June 2019) – TBD

Members (serve until June 2021) – Debbie Barnes, Mike Ayers

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

2020: Jennifer Craig 2021: Craig Staples

MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

Members (serve until June 2021): Lehrle Kieffer, Susan Clark

NOMINATIONS & LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE:

(Must be voted on from the floor.)

Nominated from the floor by outgoing member, David DeMerchant, were Joelene Boucher and Dale Dee (service until June 2021).

The Conference members voted to accept these two nominations for this Committee.

STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS:

(Must be a professing member, may serve for two consecutive terms, no two people from the same household may serve, and should have one young adult.)

A Lay Member of Annual Conference: Darrell Adams

Member (serve until June 2020): Craig Staples

Members (serve until June 2021): Shirley Bowman and Jennifer Craig

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

(Two-thirds must be professing members, recommended that more than two-thirds be one gender, no limit on terms serving, and must be of legal age.)

Chairperson (elected by Trustees): TBD

Vice-Chairperson (Elected by Trustees): TBD

Secretary (Elected by Trustees): TBD

Treasurer (Elected by Trustees): TBD

Custodian/Maintenance Staff Member (ex officio with no vote): Judson Drake

Member (serve until June 2019): Tamara Wilcox

Members (serve until June 2020): Wendy Bossie, Samuela Manages

Members (serve until June 2021): Judi Greenier, David Wakana, and John Weeks

Mary Lou Brown nominated and the Conference approved Friedrich Wilcox to be one of the Church Historians.

Note that what had been the "Lay Leader" position is now the "Co-Lay Leaders" of Kathleen Forbes and Steve Cashman.

Ruth Ross, speaking for herself and Emmett, resigned as members of the Missions and Evangelism Committee. Kathleen Forbes paid tribute for Ruth and Emmett's long service.

Mary Ouellette was voted in as a new member of the Missions and Evangelism Committee.

Rev. Tim requested that all the other retirees from Committees please stand to be recognized. Mary Lou Brown, David DeMerchant, and Sue White stood up.

There being no further conference business, the meeting was adjourned and the service continued as usual.

Respectfully Submitted, Claire Hodgkins, Secretary to the Church Council.

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

Sunday	01	10:00am	Worship - Sixth Sunday After Pentecost; Independence Sunday
Tuesday	03	9:00am	UMW Pie Sale (lasts until all pies are sold!)
Wednesday	04		FEDERAL HOLIDAY - U.S. INDEPENDENCE DAY - CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED



Sunday	08	10:00am	Worship - Seventh Sunday After Pentecost; <u>Richard Clark is preaching</u>
		2:00pm	Summer Musicale: OPUS XV, followed by refreshments
Wednesday	11	12:00pm	Jennie Lyon Circle Potluck Lunch & Meeting

Sunday	15	10:00am	Worship - Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
Tuesday	17	1:00pm	Caregivers Support Group in Fellowship Hall
Saturday	21	1-2:30pm	Brownie Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

Sunday	22	10:00am	Worship - Ninth Sunday After Pentecost; Parents' Day; <u>Kathleen Forbes is preaching</u>
Monday	23		<u>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER INPUT</u>

Sunday	29	10:00am	Worship - Tenth Sunday After Pentecost; <u>Mary Lou Brown is preaching</u>
		6:30-8:30pm	VBS at High Street Baptist Church
Monday	30	6:30-8:30pm	VBS at High Street Baptist Church
Tuesday	31	6:30-8:30pm	VBS at High Street Baptist Church