

September 2018

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. --Philippians 4:13*

In a recent conversation with a pastor, I was sharing some of my experiences this summer as a counselor at Camp Mechuwana. My colleague noted how it was hard for her to imagine spending a whole week at camp. When I first thought about counseling at camp, it was hard for me to imagine it, too. I enjoy the outdoors, but I wasn't sure about rustic living for a week. And, I have always found it easier to relate to adults, even when I was a child myself. But Bishop Weaver, our bishop at the time, had written about some of his own experiences at camp. He would occasionally spend a week at camp “incognito.” To the campers he was simply one of the male counselors. In his letter he shared some of what he has learned from the children he has counseled and the impact they had on his life and ministry, lessons that were essential to understanding our youngest generation. Bishop Weaver challenged the pastors of the conference to spend a week at camp as well, especially if our ministries included or aspired to include children. Even if such a week was outside our comfort zone, he wanted us to not only serve the children in the camp program but also better minister with children in our ministries. So, in 2009, I counseled at my first camp, an appropriately titled “First Timers Camp.” Every year since except for one, in addition to the fact that pastors and laity are central to the functioning of Mechuwana's summer program, I have learned lessons about people and had life experiences I would not have otherwise had that inform the ministry I do, open my eyes to more of the reality of living in this world, and that expand my skills in ministry. As I mentioned at the outdoor service, I had my first experience this summer working closely over several days with special needs campers. It would be an understatement to say that I know more about people with special needs (with a lot left to learn, of course). Although I have encountered it other years, this year several of the campers spoke of or were deeply affected by abuse in their life, often by their parents. One camper had nearly been murdered by a parent just before coming to camp. Every year we are regularly reminded of the difference a week at camp makes. For some it is the highlight of their summer (or life!) and for others it is an oasis in the midst of life's storms. Of course, many children are in a good place and you can see their skills and confidence growing over the course of a week, maybe share a laugh or have in-depth conversations (one night this summer after lights out in our cabin, I was pleasantly surprised by the conversation that went from the plight of honeybees to politics to favorite sports teams to interesting places they had visited). Experiences at camp find their way into conversations and decisions throughout the year. For several years now, I have preached a sermon based on my camp experiences from the summer. As I look back now, in being pushed outside my comfort zone, I have indeed been able to imagine myself being with people I hadn't imagined before and I have been able to function in ways I hadn't done before. In short, my weeks at camp impact my ministry and my life in a variety of ways. It would not have happened, however, if I hadn't dared to try something different that I struggled to imagine I could do.

How might God be calling you to stretch beyond your comfort zone to serve Christ by using your gifts in different ways? Maybe you have an opportunity to ease a time of change in your family or workplace. Perhaps the activity you once thought impossible, with the Holy Spirit strengthening you, might not only be possible, but leave a positive impact on you and on the people around you.

Grace and peace,  
Rev. Tim



# Caribou Clock

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Greetings from the Church Office!

For any committee/group who is sponsoring an event that should be posted on the outside sign, it would be very helpful if you would provide the wording and the dates you want the message posted.

Our Pictorial Directory photo dates are September 10-12, from 2pm-9pm. Several individuals & families have already made their appointments. See me during Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, September 2 & 9 or contact the office during the week to schedule your appointment. Don't miss out on being part of this new directory! You automatically get a free 8x10 photo and a copy of the directory. I also must update the addresses required for the back of the directory, so **PLEASE MAKE SURE** I have your correct information!

Our 2018 Church Conference is scheduled for Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm. This meeting is commonly known as or also known as (AKA) the Charge Conference. The Church Conference designation is because this will be a meeting in which all members may vote whereas a Charge Conference is ordinarily restricted to the members of the Church Council.

Until next month.....

Bobbi Pelletier  
Church Secretary



July Prayer Concerns

Prayer Concerns: Debbie, Lu & Dale Sharp, Judi McKee, Reta Haley, Sheila Belyea, Darlene Nelder, Diane McDonough, Bob Ellinwood, Mary Roberts, Doug Bell, Herman Wright, Sammie Haley, Jennifer Beaupre, Kristin McBreairty, Elizabeth Cochran, Betty Fowler, Emily Stuart, Phyllis Sykes, Janie Lidey, Cricket Minet, Rodney & Dustin Nichols, Ivan Shaw, Ethelyn Langley, Craig Staples & Family, Kay Webb, Claire Mathey, Connie Cory, Roberta Jeffery-Gant, Patti Dorman, Cathy Firth

On Family Death: The family of Pam (Johnson) Schreiber; family of Mabel Pethick Barnum; family of Senator John McCain

Other: Nations of Israel, Palestine, Syria; All who serve in harm's way; birthday wishes for Karen White!; all the homeless and hungry in this world;

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!

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REMINDERS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LITUGIST</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>COUNTER</u>	<u>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP</u>
Sep 2	Kathleen Forbes	Shirley Bowman & Joelene Boucher	Ruthann Weeks	UMW/Jennie Lyon Circle
Sep 9	Alden Wilcox	Phyllis Billing & Mary Ouellette	Ruthann Weeks	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Sep 16	Deborah Nichols	Debbie & DeDe Nichols	Ruthann Weeks	Finance/Stewardship Committee
Sep 23	Mary Ouellette	Barbara & Dale Dee	Phyllis Billing	Worship Committee
Sep 30	Bobbi Pelletier	Michele & Tyra Sterner	Phyllis Billing	NO VOLUNTEERS!

September Usher Coordinator: Conrad Walton  
September Communion Stewardess: Penny Shaw

Organist/Pianist: Sep 2-Gretchen Brissette; Sep 9-Margaret Cyr; Sep 16-Susan Clark;  
 Sep 23-Doris Jeffery; Sep 30-Margaret Cyr

Acolytes: September 2 – Alden & Friedrich Wilcox

Child Care Volunteers: Sep 2-Roberta Walton; Sep 9 & 16-Debbie Barnes;  
 Sep 23-Samuela Manages; Sep 30-Meagain Irving

**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!

# \* \* September Birthdays & Anniversaries \* \*

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

Remember your birthday & anniversary by making a special offering!



1	Kristi Bell	16	Peter Campbell, Ruth Ross
2	Rebecca Griffeth	17	Anna Jandreau
4	Angie Harbert, Nicole Rainey, David Silsbee	19	Romeo Bouchard, Connor DeMerchant, Del Ramey
5	Gail Hagelstein	21	Christopher Silsbee, Daryla Simon
8	Sonny St. Peter	22	Justin McLaughlan, Jennifer Sherman
9	Cherie Black	23	Joyce Knorr, Robert Mockler, Lisa Wilcox
10	Robert J. Locke	25	Garrick Alley, Dave Wakana, Dawn Westman
11	Marie Beckum	26	Ian McLauchlan, Kyle Staples
12	Lydia Kieffer-Till	27	Emmett Ross
13	Monica Alley	28	Reta Haley
14	Kim Barnes, Rey Washington	29	Bob Norsworthy



1	Lynne Josselyn & Larry Conrad	8	Carol & Francis Cyr
3	Jennifer & Scott Branscom, Nicole & Ryan Cousins	10	Casey & Corey Felix
5	Sheila & Dave Belyea	20	Joelene & Mark Boucher

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>
Aug 5	110	\$5,188.00
Aug 12	51	\$1,620.00 (Outdoor Service at Collins Pond Park)
Aug 19	75	\$2,587.02
Aug 26	97	\$2,636.25

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

Capital Account Seed Money:

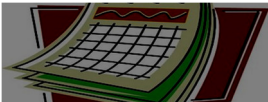
We continue to receive donations for the "Capital Account Seed Money" account each month. The balance in the account as of August 26th is \$20,581.28.

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**Changes to November 2016 Church Directory (September 2018): None Reported**

**NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY COMING IN A FEW MONTHS! MAKE SURE YOU GET YOUR PHOTO TAKEN (SEP 10-12). CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION!**

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Rev. Tim's Schedule

During the month of September, Rev. Tim will take Friday as his day off to accommodate teaching the GMUMC 101 class. The rest of his weekly schedule will remain the same. He will resume taking Monday off in October. You can arrange time to meet with Rev. Tim on Sunday afternoons and Monday - Thursday by appointment. Due to the highly changeable nature of his schedule, please call ahead before making a special trip to the church.



The Worship Committee is seeking youth in 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grades (or above) **AND** adults for the Acolyte Ministry! If you are interested in serving, please let the church office know by September 16<sup>th</sup>!



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



Aug 5 – Diane Fitzpatrick, on behalf of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, speaks about Ashleigh Craig’s service to our church. Ashleigh was then presented with a prayer shawl as she leaves for college in Ohio. After this, Rev. Tim gathered people around Ashleigh and prayed for her next chapter as everyone placed their hands on her!



Del Ramey, accompanied by Margaret Cyr, sang two beautiful pieces during the Worship Service on August 26<sup>th</sup>!



## Other Kodak Moments!

Scenes from our Chicken BBQ on Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>  
(photos taken by Michelle Sterner, using Bob Thompson's I phone!)

Thanks to the entire congregation for making another very successful fund raiser for our church.  
The net profit was nearly \$2,600. God Bless, Bob Thompson & Dave Belyea.



The men who prepare the  
chicken for the grill with  
the "special sauce"!

Dave Belyea (just visiting),  
Bruce Fitzpatrick,  
Del Ramey and Ken Peters!



The men who do the "hot  
and sticky" work of  
barbequing the chicken!

Shawn Anderson,  
Craig Staples and  
Bob Thompson!



Marjie Edgecomb and Friedrich Wilcox assist a customer with their chicken meal. Friedrich was a great chicken server - (he offered "dark roast" or "medium roast")



Meagan Irving (third from left) helped the youth distribute the drinks to customers.



Peter & Marjie  
Edgecomb enjoyed their  
meals!



Althea Wilcox & Tyra Sterner  
worked at the BBQ !

Aug 26 - Gwen Ellinwood brought  
in new cushions for the rocking  
chairs in the Library!  
The men were grateful!





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 (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, school supplies, etc. Once a month, we will also help one child and gather more specific items for them. This overall project began on August 5<sup>th</sup> – collection boxes are available in the Library and the Fellowship Hall. Please place your donations into the appropriate box (marked “Clothes”, “Toiletries”, and “School Supplies”). We hope everyone in the Gray Memorial family will help with this project!

**New Study for 2018-19**

**Participation Survey**



**Companions in Christ** offers small groups a powerfully transforming experience in spiritual formation. All resources in the series explore classic spiritual practices (for example, ways of reading scripture, forms of prayer, exploring spiritual journey, responding to God's call and spiritual guidance) and invite participants to develop daily patterns that open their lives to a deepening relationship with God and one another. The first offering is the basic course and runs 26 weeks plus a closing event. The course will begin in mid-October on **Tuesdays 10:30 – 12:30 OR Wednesdays from 9:30 – 11:30 OR Wednesday afternoon 1:30-3:30** with each session lasting two hours. **The class will be limited to 9 people and sign up will begin on August 12 and end September 4.** If you cannot attend this year's class, the current plan is to offer it again next year.

\* NOTE: After the initial Companions in Christ classes are offered, the current plan is to offer further classes in both the Disciple Bible Study series and in the Companion in Christ series in upcoming years.

I would like to attend the Companions in Christ course (**check all available days/times**):

- Tuesday 10:30am – 12:30pm \_\_\_\_\_
- Wednesday 9:30am – 11:30am \_\_\_\_\_
- Wednesday 1:30pm – 3:30pm \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

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Additional Calendar Items:

GMUMC 101 class in the Library

Monday, September 10 & 24 from 8:30am – 12:30pm

This class is open to all, whether you have been at Gray Memorial your whole life or whether you have been there a few weeks. Come and explore the history, beliefs and organization of the United Methodist Church. This class is required for those wishing to become professing members.

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Lay Visitor Training - GMUMC Library

Wednesday, September 12 and 19 from 10:00am-12:30pm; Monday, September 17 from 12:30pm-3pm  
(one additional session for those wishing training to serve home communion; date TBD)

This is for training to be a GMUMC certified for visitation in our congregation. We will cover visits to homes, hospitals and nursing homes. We will consider best practices for routine social calls and for emergency calls. Please see Rev. Tim ASAP to be included in this training.



CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS: MONDAY – WEDNESDAY, SEP 10-12, 2-9PM  
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO ARRANGE FOR YOUR PHOTO APPOINTMENT.  
IF YOU WISH TO SUBMIT A PROFESSIONAL PHOTO YOU ALREADY HAVE, PLEASE  
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY RELEASE PAPERWORK.

**Our 2018 Church Conference is scheduled for  
Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm.  
SPRC will meet with the DS at 1:30pm.**





CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES  
8-23-18

ATTENDEES: Roy Alden (Chair), Claire Hodgkins, Rev. Tim Wilcox, Colleen Harmon, Lee Frost, Susan White, Kathie Forbes, Judson Drake, Josselyn Langworthy, Debbie Barnes, Mary Lou Brown.

Roy Alden called the meeting to order just after 6:30 PM in the church kitchen for the purpose of reviewing and voting to recommend the 2019 Pastor's Compensation Package to the Church Conference to be held at 2:30 PM on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Roy presented some ideas to the Council for streamlining and making the Council more efficient in the future. He asked members to be thinking of ideas so that at the next meeting the group can brainstorm ways to encourage more involvement by the congregation and more efficient use of Committee members' time.

Next, Debbie Barnes gave the financial report for July as follows:

Regular Offerings were \$14,086.54 with an additional offering of a \$50 donation from the Class of '68, and \$996.45 under Special Offerings for Church Use. Under Special Funds Not for Church Use, there was a donation of \$40 to the Jeff Cyr Mission.

Debbie Barnes went over the July checkbook figures as follows:

Beginning Balance	\$3,672.38
2018 Operating Income	14,136.54
Interest	3.20
Less EFT fee	(22.67)
Less expenses	(14,844.95)
Ending Balance	2,944.50

The \$25,000 invested with Thompson/Hamel LLC for the Memorial Garden on June 29, 2017 at a cost of \$1,073.78, as of July 31, 2018 shows an ending balance of \$24, 873.56.

As of July 31<sup>st</sup> the Capital Account Seed Money had a beginning balance of \$21,312.49. There was deposits of \$417.79 and no expenditures for a new balance of \$21,730.28.

Debbie reported that we are behind two months in Missions Shares but continue to pay the \$796.38 Pastor's Pension Benefit. Mission Shares for our church is \$2,433.58 /month. Guest/Staff costs were \$10,433.21 of the July expenses. Programs cost \$806.73. Trustees spent \$2,808.63.

As of June, the Dead River monthly cost is Church = \$955, Parsonage = \$249, an increase of \$303/month.

Dead River balance as of July 31<sup>st</sup>: C = (\$1,207.43) P = (\$66.05)

A review of the July Annual Budget figures is as follows:

Target - \$121,006.96 Tithes & Offerings - \$110,542.61 Total Expenses - \$114,403.70

Unpaid Expenses - \$4,867.16 (Mission Shares); Average Attendance July: 83; Average Attendance Year-to-date: 89

SPRC: Sue White presented the recommended proposal for the 2019 Pastor's Compensation Package. Base Salary remains at \$50,000.00, total pastor's compensation is \$70,928. The only increase from 2018 Compensation was Health Insurance which has risen \$1,584, a big jump. Roy Alden stated that this is in no way a reflection of Rev. Tim's service, but one of financial realities facing the church.

The complete 2019 package which was approved by the Council for recommendation to the Church Conference in September is as follows:

Pastor's Salary	\$50,000
Social Security	\$1,000
Pension	\$2,000
Health Insurance	\$17,928 (last year was \$16,344)
Total Pastor's Compensation	\$70,928

Pastor travel	\$4,250
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Pastor Continuing Education	\$1,250
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The Council decided to wait until the regular September meeting to do any further business so the Council moved to adjourn at 7:10 PM.

The regularly scheduled September meeting will be September 20 at 6:30 PM in the Church kitchen.

Respectfully submitted by Claire Hodgkins, Secretary

## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER 2018!!!!

Sunday	02	10:00am	Worship - Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
		6:00pm	Dan Schall Concert at First Baptist Church of Woodland
<b>Monday</b>	<b>03</b>	<b><u>FEDERAL HOLIDAY - LABOR DAY - CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED</u></b>	
Tuesday	04	9:30am	UMW Meeting in Kitchen
		6:30pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting in Library
		6:30pm	Senior Choir Practice (note date change)
Wednesday	05	12:00pm	Jennie Lyon Circle Potluck Luncheon & Meeting (note date change!)
		12:30-3:00pm	Lay Visitor Training in the Library
		6:00pm	Handbell Practice
Thursday	06	9:30am	Aroostook Cluster Meeting in Mars Hill
		6:30pm	Worship Committee Meeting in Kitchen
Sunday	09	8:45am	Sunday School (first session of new season!)
		10:00am	Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost; Grandparents' Day
		11:30am	Education Committee Meeting in Library
Monday	10	8:30am-12:30pm	GMUMC 101 Class in the Library
		2-9pm	Lifetouch Portrait Sessions for New Church Directory!
Tuesday	11	2-9pm	Lifetouch Portrait Sessions for New Church Directory!
		6:00pm	Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry Board Meeting at Pantry
Wednesday	12	10am-12:30pm	Lay Visitor Training in the Library
		2-9pm	Lifetouch Portrait Sessions for New Church Directory!
		6:00pm	Handbell Practice
		6:30pm	Senior Choir Practice in Sanctuary
Thursday	13	6:30pm	SPRC Meeting in Kitchen
Saturday	15	1:30pm	SPRC meets with DS Jackie Brannen
		2:30pm	2018 Church Conference in Fellowship Hall
Sunday	16	8:44am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship - Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
		11:30am	Missions & Evangelism Committee Meeting in Library
Monday	17	12:30-3:00pm	GMUMC 101 Class in the Library
Tuesday	18	1:00pm	Caregivers Support Group in Fellowship Hall
		6:30pm	"Terrific Tuesdays Ministry" with Colleen (first session of season)
Wednesday	19	10am-12:30pm	Lay Visitor Training in the Library
		6:00pm	Handbell Practice
Thursday	20	6:00pm	Finance/Stewardship Committee Meeting in Kitchen
		6:30pm	Church Council Meeting in Kitchen
<b>Friday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER INPUT</u></b>	
Saturday	22	8:00am	UMM Breakfast & Meeting
Sunday	23	<b><u>FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN!!!!</u></b>	
		8:45am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship - Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Monday	24	8:30am-12:30pm	GMUMC 101 Class in the Library (if needed)
Wednesday	26	6:00pm	Handbell Practice
Sunday	30	8:45am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship-Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost; Steve Cashman preaching