

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

Last spring the confirmation class made a visit to Mockler Funeral Home for a tour, a history lesson and a chance to ask questions. One of the stories Jim Mockler shared with us was about a woman who, upon the death of a parent, did not want to have any kind of calling hours, services or any other public reception or gathering. The deceased did not want anyone to make a fuss about them and the woman wanted to honor her wishes. A few weeks later, another person in the community died. The woman attended the calling hours for this second person. A great many of those who came to the calling hours for the second person went over to see the woman to express their condolences. The impromptu gathering around the woman detracted from the calling hours for the family of the second deceased person. It had become about the first person as much as, if not more than, the second person. This story reflects many trends that I have increasingly seen over my years in ministry. People not wanting to be the center of attention or to have loved ones to go through a lot of trouble upon their death. For some people, having to have a public event in the midst of a flood of emotions can be challenging to say the least. For others, there are legitimate concerns about the costs associated with funerals and associated events (on this later point, many people aren't aware of the variety of options available, including some recent newer practices, both in terms of religious services and in terms of final disposition of a body I highly encourage people to take time to talk with me and/or a funeral director to do advance planning—which will also save a lot of time and energy by loved ones later).

This is the time for New Year's Resolutions. Over the next few weeks many of us will make goals for the coming year: to exercise more, to eat better, to clear out a file cabinet, to tackle a long delayed project, to visit a friend and more. I am requesting that you include two items on your resolutions list if you haven't already done so:

- 1) talk in detail with a trusted family member or friend about your end-of-life wishes
- 2) resolve for yourself and, to the extent possible, to have some combination of calling hours, memorial services and gatherings with family and friends

Although many imagine that the reason for holding these events is to remember the deceased—which we certainly do, the most important reason is for the well-being of the living; for the family, friends and associates who remain in this life. The ability to gather up a person's life, to make meaning about someone, to be able to express the range of emotions about a person as memories are shared and to bring closure to a chapter of human life are among not only helpful components of the grief process but also in continuing in our human journey as Christians. Imagine if Jesus' disciples had been so overcome with grief that they weren't able to carry on? Instead, as the endings of the Gospels variously describe, the 11 remaining disciples gathered together. As they were no doubt trying to decide what to do next, they encountered the risen Jesus. You may have noticed that the funeral service in our hymnals is called “A Service of Death and Resurrection.” The hymnal has a good explanation for this name. At its heart is a reflection of our faith, expressed well in “The Hymn of Promise:” “In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.” Remember, too, that as Christians that part of our hope is being with God until the end of the age, whether in this life or the one to come.

I have heard people express the thought of it being selfish to have no opportunity for loved ones to express their feelings and memories whether in religious or personal terms. So often those opportunities are cathartic in creating a space to laugh, cry and acknowledge the significance of a person and for family and friends to hear about the difference a person has made in the world. I have experienced over and over again how the so-called abilities to die and grieve well makes such a positive impact on those that remain. Let us resolve to take steps this year toward these ends.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Tim – P.S. Please contact me if you would like to talk about any topics raised in this column.



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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.

The new Pictorial Directory is here! If you have not already received your free copy, please contact the Church Office. If you wish to purchase one, please bring \$6 (correct change or a check is greatly appreciated) with you the next time you come to church and see me!

As 2018 comes to a close, we have so many things to be thankful for! This year's "Angel Tree" project sponsored by the Missions & Evangelism Committee provided gifts to 29 students from the local schools and donations of \$1,100 provided additional gifts to their families. The Worship Committee's "Mission Project" to provide clothing, school supplies and toiletries to deserving students was/is a huge success - many students received these items in the fall and the project continues. Our next pick-up date is January 6th! In response to our furnace malfunction on Thanksgiving Day, many of our congregation and those from Grant Memorial UMC donated over \$26,000 towards our future furnace replacement fund. On Sunday, December 30th a team of 8 of our members brought Coffee Fellowship to Grant Memorial UMC to pass on our appreciation for their amazing support! It was very well received by their congregation! And one final note - donations received late in December enabled us to pay **ALL** our bills for 2018! We are truly blessed! Have a wonderful New Year!

Until next month.....

Bobbi Pelletier
Church Secretary



December Prayer Concerns

Prayer Concerns: Debbie & Lu Sharp, Reta Haley, Sheila Belyea, Darlene Nelder, Diane McDonough, Bob Ellinwood, Phyllis Sykes, Emily Stuart, Janie Lidey, Keith Drew, Glen Tagget, Steve Cashman, Bruce Fitzpatrick, Pat Dobson, Leona Michaud, Clarence Belanger, Penny Shaw, Herman Wright, Anna Roberts, Brooke Thompson, Randy Dodd, Donna Sam, Joel & Carter Strother, Danny Haines, DeDe Nichols, James A. Stuart, Patti Doorman, Margaret Fayle, Michael Anctil, Tommy Cox, Jean Bedard, Barbara Dee

On Family Death: The family of Elizabeth Cochran; family of Robert Ellinwood; family of Reginald Ward; family of Patti Dorman; family of Philip Smith

Other: Nations of Israel, Palestine, Syria; All who serve in harm's way;

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!

Note Received: I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, visits, phone calls, cards & food, and the many hugs I received, which I really needed. I also want to thank the ladies that worked and cooked for the reception. The dining room looked so nice and the food was delicious. Many thanks to the congregation for all their support during this difficult time. God's blessings to you all.
Gwen Ellinwood

REMINDERS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LITURGIST</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>COUNTER</u>	<u>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP</u>
Jan 6	Mary Ouellette	Diana Locke & Dave Wakana	Joelene Boucher	Education Committee
Jan 13	Bobbi Pelletier	Shirley Bowman & Duska Franklin	Joelene Boucher	Missions & Evangelism
Jan 20	Deb Pringnitz	Mary Ouellette & Ruthann Weeks	Joelene Boucher	Finance & Stewardship
Jan 27	Del Ramey	Joelene Boucher & Debbie Barnes	Shirley Bowman	Worship Committee

January Usher Coordinator: Open

The Worship Committee is seeking volunteers to become usher coordinators - please contact Bill Thomas or the church office if you are interested in serving!

January Communion Stewardess: Ruthann Weeks

Organist/Pianist: Jan 6-Margaret Cyr; Jan 13-Susan Clark; Jan 20-Margaret Cyr; Jan 27-Susan Clark

Acolytes: Jan 6-Darrell Adams & Friedrich Wilcox; Jan 14-Alden Wilcox; Jan 21-Darrel Adams; Jan 28-Neal Genz

Child Care Volunteers: Jan 6-Diane Fitzpatrick; Jan 13-Duska Franklin; Jan 20-Meagan Irving; Jan 27-Diana Locke

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!

* * January Birthdays & Anniversaries * *

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

Remember your birthday & anniversary by making a special offering!



2	Colleen Harmon	16	Julie Ordway
3	Jennifer Branscom	18	Phil Brown, Francis Cyr
4	Jennifer Espling, Betty Fowler, Jennifer Norsworthy	20	Tanner Sterner
7	Anthony Morrow, Katie Smith	23	Jean Cashman, Carter Irving, Ken Peters
10	Aaron Greenier	26	Sheila Belyea
12	Steve Belyea, Lauren McHattie	27	Paul Pangburn
13	Sheila Pelletier, Bessie Thornton	28	Lauren Craig
14	Michelle Nichols, Alan Pangburn	29	Winnie Brown, Katie Pelletier
15	Parker Stallings	30	Louis Greenier, Michael Scott
		31	Mona Johnson



8	Elsie & Ken Doody	22	Norma & Bob Thompson
26	Tammy & Ken Albert		

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>
Dec 2	76	\$3,198.50
Dec 9	90	\$4,315.00
Dec 16	88	\$9,136.50
Dec 23	116	\$5,493.00
Dec 24	128	\$1,069.00
Dec 30	90	\$10,962.50

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

Capital Account Seed Money (CASM):

We continue to receive donations for the "Capital Account Seed Money" account each month. The expenses and the temporary propane heaters we installed after our sanctuary furnace malfunctioned on Thanksgiving Day were paid - that totaled \$11,905.00. During November and December, donations for the church's "Furnace Replacement" were received (including over \$20,000 from Grant Memorial UMC congregation) and those funds were moved into this account - the donations totaled \$28,103.00 as of December 30th! So, after all this activity, the CASM balance is now \$38,291.13. All future donations towards the "Furnace Replacement" will be held in this account until needed.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARRIVED DECEMBER 6TH!

**Anyone who had their photos taken or submitted an image gets a free directory.
We have additional copies of the directory and the individual copy cost is \$6.00.**

Changes (December 2018):

Cochran, Elizabeth – deceased 12/1/8

Craig, Andrew & Jennifer – new address: 1508 Forn Rd., Milan OH 44846

Ellinwood, Robert – deceased 12/5/18

Langley, Marilyn & Gary – temporary address until April: 24 Pleasant St., Apt #5, Caribou ME 04736; Cell phone number is 227-3662.

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



December 2 - Altar area adorned with Advent paraments, garland and Angel Tree!



Dec 2 – Colleen Harmon leads the youth & children in a Children’s Dramatic Portrayal – “A Christmas to Believe In”



Dec 2 - Colleen Harmon lights the first Advent candle as Margaret Cyr reads the candle lighting liturgy.



December 9 – Colleen Harmon, along with youth and several adults, continue “A Christmas to Believe In”

Dec 9 - Diane Fitzpatrick lights the first and second Advent candles as Bobbi Pelletier reads the candle lighting liturgy.





Dec 16 - Norma & Bob Thompson light the first three Advent candles as Margaret Cyr reads the candle lighting liturgy.



Dec 23 - Diana Locke and Dave Wakana light the first four Advent candles while Kathleen Forbes reads the candle lighting liturgy.

Kathleen Forbes assists Sue White, SPRC Chair, to recognize the staff with special Christmas gifts!





December 23 - Colleen Harmon, along with youth and several adults, continue "A Christmas to Believe In"

Other Kodak Moments!

Beautiful wreaths adorn the doors and our "Tree of Lights" stands beside the front entrance.



Our new propane heater located in the Library. Several others are in the sanctuary. They keep the spaces nice and warm!



Dec 16 - Bob Thompson at the computer; Wendy Bossie's new Advent display on the library bulletin board.



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 will continue 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. 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! **The next deadline for donating items is Sunday, January 6th** – we will collect the donations and pass them on to the schools and then start another campaign for a few more months.*



Christmas Poinsettias & Plants **In Loving Memory Of ~**



† **Philip & Vivian Brown & Arey & Mildred Fitzpatrick** †

Given by: Bruce & Diane Fitzpatrick

† **Charles & Doris Barnes, Jr.; Elray & Ruth DeMerchant** †

Given by: Marcia & David DeMerchant

† **Marjorie Wright, Linda Haefke, Richard McDowell** †

Given by: Bobbi Pelletier

† **Paul & Lindsey McLauchlan** †

Given by: Todd, Mary & Family

† **Sharon Ramey** †

Given by: Del Ramey

† **Marie Sutherland & Hazel Greenier** †

Given by: Judi and Louis Greenier

† **Harold & Katrina Clark** †

Given by: Richard & Susan Clark

† **The Brewer & Clark Families** †

Given by: Catherine Brewer

† **Eileen Forbes** †

Given by: The Forbes & Langworthy Families

† **Jean and Phil Turner** †

Given by: Don and Debbie Sirois

Christmas Poinsettias & Plants **In Honor Of ~**



† **Samantha Maron Greenier** †

Given by: Judi & Louis Greenier

† **Annabella Rose Brennan** †

Given by: Bobbi Pelletier

† **Our Family** †

Given by: Meagan & Robbie Irving



Tree of Lights - 2018

Name	In Memory of	In Honor of
Ruthann & John Weeks		Jillian, Madison & Annalise
Del Ramey	Sharon Ramey	
Mary Lou Brown	Herbert & Betty Brown	Choirs of Gray Memorial
Claire Hodgkins	Peter Finkel, Louise Chamberlin	
Doris Jeffery	Mother-Elona Burgess; husband-James Jeffery	Margaret Cyr
Bill Thomas		Happy Birthday Jesus; World Peace
Melonie & Erika Carlson & Melvin Griffin	Deana Griffin, Wilma Griffin Hicks, Rosemarie Griffin, Mary Ann Jones	
Finance & Stewardship Committee		Mike Ayers, Mary Ayers
Margaret & Bob Cyr	James Jeffery, Rev. Ray Hollis	Doris Jeffery
Mom & Dad Sharp		Debbie Sharp
Judi and Louis Greenier	Hazel Greenier, Marie Sutherland, Hayden Sutherland, Gretchen Gallant, Margaret Turner, Marjorie Giggie, Esther Page, Stanley Sutherland	Samantha Greenier
Gary & Marilyn Langley	Ruth & Alton Langley; Katherine & Lloyd Brown	
Deborah Pringnitz	Joyce Pringnitz	
Craig & Annette Staples	Marlene Staples	
Steve & Tricia		Foster Families
Mary Anderson	John & Elsie Price; Betty Loveland	
Duska & Jody	The Hemingways	
Peter & Marjie Edgecomb		Grandchildren
Penny & Ivan Shaw	Ivan & Freida Shaw; Jay & Marian Krafve; Jim Krafve	
Jeanette & Ken Peters	George, Hazel & Lena Peters; Earl & Freda Nevers	
Bobbi Pelletier	Marjorie Wright, Linda Haefke, Richard McDowell	Patricia Ramsden
Carol Norsworthy	Tessa Allen, Jasper & Marion Norsworthy, Bill & Cassie Coffin	
Rosco McIntosh	Marilyn Cousins	
Mom and Dad Dee	Kevin Dee	
Gwen Ellinwood	Robert C. Ellinwood	
Todd & Mary Theriault & Family	Paul & Lindsey Ann McLauchlan	
Alaina & Will	Mabel Pethick Barnum	
Diane & Philip McDonough	Phil & Betty McDonough; Phil & Ruth Brown; Susan Brown	
Jeannette Belyea	Faye Belyea Campbell (sister)	
Bob & Elsie Locke		Lori, Diana, Bob, Amy
Marcia & Dave DeMerchant	Doris & Charles Barnes; Ruth & Elray DeMerchant	
David & Sheila Belyea	Sherie Chickos; Donald & Averill Belyea	Chris & April Belyea



CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
11-29-18

ATTENDEES: Roy Alden (Chair), Claire Hodgkins, Kathleen Forbes, Judson Drake, Bill Thomas, Susan White, Bobbi Pelletier, Tamara Wilcox, Rev. Tim Wilcox, and Lee Frost

Roy Alden called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the church kitchen with a brief prayer followed by a discussion of the furnace malfunction which required the Caribou Fire Department to respond. The church had been filled with smoke as a result of a malfunction of the boiler that heats the upper floors. With fans and other resources the situation was soon under control with no other damage and the smoke sucked out of the building. Judson bled the water out of the pipes upstairs so they would not freeze. All this happened just as the Thanksgiving meal was being prepared in the Fellowship Hall. Had this happened at any other time, a much worse scenario would have occurred and our church might have burned.

Four propane burners are currently being installed as an interim source of heat until the Trustees, who had an emergency meeting, can find a permanent fix. The pipes, screens, and radiators will all need to be replaced. It was immediately apparent that it would take several weeks to get and install a new boiler at a cost of around \$50,000.00. Putting in these propane furnaces gives the Trustees time to assess and investigate the best plan of action. Judson Drake thinks going with geothermal heat is the most cost effective and would eliminate the oil bill altogether. It could pay for itself in 5 years. A subcommittee made up of the following members: Roy Alden, Judson Drake, Bill Thomas, Tamara Wilcox, Friedrich Wilcox, John Weeks, and Louis Greenier, will be looking into the matter. Roy would appreciate anyone interested in helping to be in touch with him. It could turn out that people will be satisfied with the propane furnaces in which case at least five more will be needed. The Trustees have received several generous donations (which will meet half the cost) to pay for the furnaces and will complete payment using funds from the Capital Account Seed Money account. However, if we go with a new heating system, Roy recommends taking out a loan rather than using all our own money to pay for the project because we do not want to put the church in jeopardy financially. The Trustees will be informing the congregation of their best advice when they have had the opportunity to really research best options.

As of Thursday, 11-29, two of the furnaces are up and running and the electrician is working on the new wiring. The furnaces will be able to be controlled remotely by phone. The downstairs boiler is still working but needs to be replaced soon as well.

In other business, Roy encouraged the members to say what they were excited about.

Bobbi Pelletier said the Angel Tree will be in place on Sunday with names of children in need of presents. Please do not spend more than \$25. Also donations to pay for gift cards for food and gas will also be welcome.

Claire remarked how exciting it was that when we had a problem, we came together to solve it.

Judson Drake volunteered how impressive and caring the response from the Caribou Fire Department to our crisis was. Also, how special the Thanksgiving meal was in preventing a disaster.

Sue White speaking for the SPRC reported her committee is advertising for a new Children and Youth Coordinator.

The Finance Committee reports - while we were able to pay 2 months on the Missions Shares in October, we are still 3 months or \$7,300.00 behind as of October 31st.

The Senior Choir will be singing with "Dan Ladner and Friends" at Grant Memorial UMC on Dec. 16th at 7 PM.

The Time and Talent sheets and pledge cards are due this coming Sunday. Roy suggests it would be nice to recognize people willing to do new things for the church.

Bobbi reported that there will be a Blue Christmas Service on Dec. 21st at 3 PM, for anyone needing comfort and uplifting during a difficult period in their lives.

Judson Drake would like a list of volunteers in the church with skills that he could put to use (EX. painters, anyone who likes to help with maintenance).

Roy wonders how best to structure our committees to do the best work for the church and how do other churches structure their organizational formats to serve their churches. He thinks it is something we should investigate.

This is a very old building and many of the vital parts - electrical, heating, and sprinkler systems - need major repairs or replacements. This will be our challenge in the coming months.

Rev. Tim wonders how the community might be different if we really lived like Christians helping the needs of others. His assignment to himself is to update his vision for ministry and to work with church leadership while doing so.

The next Council meeting will be Dec. 20th at 6:30pm.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.
Respectfully submitted by Claire Hodgkins, Secretary.

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CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
12-23-18

ATTENDEES: Judi Greenier (Vice-Chair), Claire Hodgkins, Bobbi Pelletier, Dave DeMerchant, Marcia DeMerchant, Tamara Wilcox, Susan White, Rev. Tim Wilcox, Lee Frost, Debbie Barnes, Kathleen Forbes, Josselyn Langworthy, Judson Drake

A special meeting of the Church Council was convened in the church chapel at 12:10 PM to vote on the 2019 Budget and learn about a new, free phone app from VANCO to make it easier to make donations to the church.

Judi Greenier stated that the Trustees had tried to keep their Budget as low as possible as did the other committees. But likely, even so, the Budget could fall short, at which time it would need to be revisited. It may require the need to do more fund raisers in the coming year. The proposal for the new budget includes the following:

Programs – 2018: \$11,300.00; 2019: \$10,550.00 - 6.64% Decrease

Trustees – 2018: \$41,900.00; 2019: \$49,405.00 - 17.91% Increase (While this is quite an increase it includes the cost of upgrading internet service and cell phone service and overdue pending maintenance expenses.)

New England Conference (Mission Shares & Pension Benefit) – 2018: \$38,759.50; 2019: \$38,964.26 - 0.53% Increase

Staff-Parish Relations – Total Salaries: 2018: \$34,837.00; 2019: \$36,218.00

Note: The organist line amount of \$2,800 was moved to the other expenses section under Guest & Substitute Staff

Other Expenses 2018- \$11,300.00 2019 - \$14,950.00

SPRC Subtotals: 2018 - \$115,481.00; 2019 - \$121,896.00 - 5% Increase

Grand Total Budget 2018 \$207,440.50; 2019 Proposal Budget: \$220,815.26 - 6.45% Increase

After explanation and discussion the Council voted unanimously to approve the 2019 Budget with Josselyn Langworthy making the motion and seconded simultaneously by Dave DeMerchant and Sue White.

Debbie Barnes and Tamara Wilcox, Financial Secretary, reported that VANCO is offering a free app through December 31, 2018 for phones and there would be literature and discussion with the congregation about this new product which could make giving to the church easier, especially for younger members used to such apps. Sue White made a motion and Bobbi Pelletier

seconded the motion and the Council voted unanimously to authorize Tamara Wilcox to set up this app for the church congregation.

Grant Memorial UMC donations totaled just over \$20,000.00 to help GMUMC with the Furnace Replacement Fund. Bobbi suggested that members of our church take Coffee Fellowship to Grant Memorial next Sunday, Dec. 30th.

There being no further business, Judi Greenier adjourned the meeting at 12:33 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be January 17th at 6:30 PM in the church kitchen.

Two reports were submitted which are as follows:

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP: The Finance Report for November 2018:

Regular offerings \$13,860.15
Other Sources of Operating Funds:
 Thanksgiving Dinner \$367
 Building use \$25
Reimbursements \$1.00
Special Funds for Church Use \$1,934.00
Special Funds NOT for Church Use \$200.00
Total Funds \$16,387.15

Operating Budget Check Book as follows:

Beginning Balance	\$1,869.54
2018 Operating Income	14,252.15
Interest	4.92
Less EFT fee	(22.67) VANCO fees (EFT deposits)
Less expenses	(14,245.16)
Ending Balance	1,858.78

The \$25,000.00 Garden fund figures of Nov. 30, 2018 on-line showed a balance of \$24,714.64.

Capital Account Seed Money: Beginning Balance \$21,309.02, deposits & interest of \$369.11, spent \$.00; Ending Balance \$21,678.13.
We are 4 months behind in Mission Shares @ \$2,433.58/month (\$9,734.32)
Dead River Account Balances: Church=\$2,770.55; Parsonage= \$617.37
The 2018 Annual Budget Report for November:
Target \$190,153.79; Tithes & Offerings \$175,645.88; Total Expenses \$185,763.26; Unpaid expenses \$9,734.32 (Mission Shares).
Average attendance by month – November: 78. Average Attendance YTD is 88.

TRUSTEES: An emergency meeting was called as a result of a boiler failure that resulted in smoke in the Sanctuary on Thanksgiving morning. Judson Drake passed out materials on geothermal heating from Waterfurnace International Inc. He explained the system, which does not use fossil fuel, and which costs between \$50,000 and \$60,000. There was discussion as a possibility for the future. For the immediate fix, Dead River installed 4 propane heaters at approximately \$12,000 to get through the Dec. 1st wedding and the winter. A sizable offer by Richard Clark of \$5,000 was donated toward the furnace fund after it was approved to go ahead with the project. Part of the money came from the Capital Account Seed Money Fund. The Council approved of that expenditure. A subcommittee of Friedrich, John, Judson, Roy and Tamara was formed as the heating system task force. The National Weather Station uses a Geothermal heating system and could be a valuable resource. Another meeting is planned in the near future.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JANUARY 2019!!!!

Tuesday	01		<i>FEDERAL HOLIDAY - NEW YEAR'S DAY - CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED</i>
Wednesday	02	9:30am	Companions in Christ Study (Make-up or extra date)
		5:30-7pm	Bible Study Class in Fellowship Hall
		6:00pm	Handbell Practice
		6:30pm	Senior Choir Practice
Thursday	03	9:30am	Aroostook Cluster Meeting in Mars Hill
		6:30pm	Worship Cluster Meeting at Church

Sunday	06	9:00am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship - Epiphany of the Lord Sunday
Monday	07	6-8pm	Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Tuesday	08	9:30am	UMW Meeting in Kitchen
		6:00pm	Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry Board Meeting at Pantry
		6:30pm	"Terrific Tuesdays Ministry" with Colleen
Wednesday	09	9:30am	Companions in Christ Study
		5:30-7pm	Bible Study Class in Fellowship Hall
		6:00pm	Handbell Practice
		6:30pm	Senior Choir Practice
Thursday	06	6:30pm	SPRC Meeting in Kitchen

Sunday	13	9:00am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship - First Sunday After the Epiphany; Baptism of the Lord
		11:30am	Education Committee Meeting in Library
Monday	14	10:00am	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS ARE DUE TO CLAIRE & CHURCH OFFICE</u>
		6-8pm	Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Tuesday	15	1:00pm	Caregivers Support Group in Fellowship Hall
		6:00pm	Trustees Meeting at Church
		6:30pm	"Terrific Tuesdays Ministry" with Colleen
Wednesday	16	9:30am	Companions in Christ Study
		5:30-7pm	Bible Study Class in Fellowship Hall
		6:00pm	Handbell Practice
		6:30pm	Senior Choir Practice
Thursday	17	6:00pm	Finance/Stewardship Committee Meeting
		6:30pm	Church Council Meeting
Saturday	19	1-2:30pm	Brownie Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JANUARY 2019 (continued) !!!!!

Sunday	20	9:00am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship - Second Sunday After the Epiphany; Human Relations Day
Monday	21	FEDERAL HOLIDAY - MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
		6-8pm	Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Tuesday	22	6:30pm	"Terrific Tuesdays Ministry" with Colleen
Wednesday	23	9:00am	<u>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER INPUT</u>
		9:30am	Companions in Christ Study
		5:30-7pm	Bible Study Class in Fellowship Hall
		6:00pm	Handbell Practice
		6:30pm	Senior Choir Practice
Saturday	26	8:00am	UMM Breakfast & Meeting

Sunday	27	10:00am	Worship - Third Sunday After the Epiphany; Ecumenical Sunday
Monday	28	6-8pm	Girl Scout Troop in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Tuesday	29	6:30pm	"Terrific Tuesdays Ministry" with Colleen
Wednesday	30	9:30am	Companions in Christ Study
		5:30-7pm	Bible Study Class in Fellowship Hall
		6:00pm	Handbell Practice
		6:30pm	Senior Choir Practice
