

July, 2024

Dear Church,

Happy Summer!!!! In July I will start my eighth year in this pastoral appointment. WOW! It is the longest I have served in any appointment. The stability of this appointment has given me and my family a grounding that we are very appreciative of. It has allowed my children to attend a wonderful school (Thornton Academy). They have been so enriched by their education at TA. They have been involved in plays, musicals, volunteer opportunities, choir, State choral events, state speech events, and have studied German, French, and Arabic. They have travelled to London, and even saw King Charles drive by and wave. I give thanks to all of you for making this a reality for us. Truly a dream realized.

During my time in the churches, we have been able to do so much. We have experienced different types of worship such as monthly communions, baptisms and weddings. We have contributed to food pantries, shelters, community resource centers. We have held community health events, family events, and educational events. We have used our church buildings to host musical events, family gatherings, and even Children's Theater. We have stuck with it, and asked hard questions of each other. We have loved each other through so many ups and downs. We have searched our hearts for deeper purpose in Christ, and sought to be relevant in the communities we serve.

I thank you for all of this. I couldn't have done any of this without ALL of you. I consider myself very blessed.

But its not over yet. We have great mission and ministry yet to do! We have wonderful WORSHIP experiences to CREATE! We have connections in our communities that have yet to be created! You... each one of you... is part of our combined story on this crazy journey of faith. This wonderful journey!

Happy Summer!!! Let's get started yet again! Let's be rooted and grounded in God's love for us, as we endeavor to have a relevant and positive affect on our members and our communities. Thank you again.

With Great Love in my Heart,

Rev. Ed



Christ Church will have their annual meeting in August, the second Sunday of the month, August 11, 2024.

We are always looking for Cabinet members!!

Note from Betty Schofield

In June, she took a carload of summer donations to the UMEM in Salem and returned with a carload of gracious appreciation to all who support them.



Christ Church Federated

Goodwins Mills UMC

West Kennebunk UMC

Don't Forget our Super Senior Gathering!

We meet at WKUMC on Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 every other week.

In July, our meetings will be the 9th and 23rd.

Some folks just sit and chat, others knit/crochet, play a board or card game or work on a craft. It's mainly a time to "get out of the house" and visit with others.

We'd love to have you join us!

FMI: Contact Beverly (207) 809-9268



Memorial Day to Labor Day

May 28th - September 3rd

Tues. & Wed. 9:00am - 2:30pm

Thursday 9am - 2pm



Prayer for July 4th

The following lines are from a long prayer, "That America Fulfil the Promise of Its Founding," by Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan. Though written in 1945, it rings true yet today. (Full text at <https://tinyurl.com/nhc8747x>.)

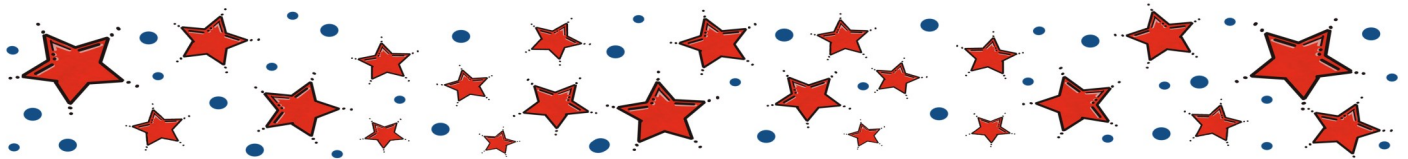
O God, who is Liberator and Redeemer, Lawgiver and Judge, ...

May America remain loyal
to the principles of the Declaration of Independence,
and extend their application
to ever-widening areas of life.

Keep out of our life all manner of oppression,
persecution,
and unjust discrimination;
save us from religious,
racial and class conflicts;
may our country be a haven of refuge
to the victims of injustice and misrule.

Instruct us in the art of living together,
of reconciling differences of opinion
and averting clashes of interest,
of helping one another
to achieve a harmonious and abundant life ...

That the Star-Spangled Banner,
the symbol of our American democracy,
may ever wave o'er the land of the free
and the home of the brave. Amen.



Many Towns, One Circle: Challenging Racism and Injustice

We are a community group dedicated to identifying racial bias in ourselves, challenging racial injustice, and working together to build a more inclusive community. We hold in-person events several times a year, and send out monthly "Anti-racism moment" emails. If you would like to be on our email list, please send your email address to Linda Stathoplos [f\\(\[isbell@verizon.net\]\(mailto:isbell@verizon.net\) <mailto:\[isbell@verizon.net\]\(mailto:isbell@verizon.net\)>](mailto:isbell@verizon.net)) and you will be added to this community!



Bill & Dixie Harris—20

Happy ANNIVERSARY



Gordon Miller—1

Linda Hooper—4

Seth Mahler—6

Rev. Ed Bove—7

Kayla Clapp—11

Judy Cadmus—14

Alix Davis—23

Bob Vaughan—23



If we don't have your birthday or anniversary on file please leave a note or email for Sandy Farrar at goodwinsmillsumc@gmail.com and we will get our records up to date. Thank you.

Church Mailing Addresses:

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Christ Church, c/o Goodwins Mills UMC, 55 Church Street, Lyman, ME 04002

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Choir's
Taking a
Break

The Beacon of Hope Choir will be taking a well-deserved break for the summer months of July and August. We do have a summer music plan under the title of “Special Music.” Anyone is welcome to do something for summer worship; this can be anything you would like to sing/say/show/do. Susan Heafield is happy to work with you to prepare for it. It can be singing, playing an instrument, reading poetry, skit, showing a visual, telling a story, etc. Contact Susan through email or phone to make a plan. heafield.susan@gmail.com 207-502-7402.



BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment. Care for the poor. Forgive often. Reject racism. Fight for the powerless. Share earthly and spiritual resources. Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.

For Pastoral Care

Please Contact

Rev. Ed Bove

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?? Bible Quiz ??

What kind of birds does God use to supply Elijah with food at the Kerith Ravine?

- A. quails
- B. ravens
- C. eagles
- D. doves



Answer: B (See 1 Kings 17:2-6.)

LYMAN PARKS AND RECREATION PRESENTS:

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!

THURSDAYS JULY 11- AUGUST 22 | 6:30PM

10 JOHN STREET, LYMAN, ME

JUL 11 GRANITE PLANET

JUL 18 HENRY LOWERY

JUL 25 THE DILEMA

AUG 1 MAXIMUM EFFORT

AUG 7 NORTH RIVER MUSIC

AUG 14 THE DAPPER GENTS

AUG 22 HALF MOON JUG BAND



Remember Your Pledge This Summer



United Methodist Credit Union

www.umfcu.org

If you are a United Methodist in New England, you are able to join the United Methodist Federal Credit Union. The link is posted above.

Many services are available, and an ATM card is available. Please check out the link to see if it's something you might want to do. It might even be a place where you could start a savings account for vacations or other projects! \$ \$ \$ \$



The Beacon of Hope supports both the York County Food Pantry in Alfred and Community Outreach Services (COS) in Kennebunk. They are always in need of supplies. Please consider giving weekly to these causes. Donations can be brought to the West Kennebunk UMC and/or Goodwins Mills UMC any Sunday.

You or someone you know could be in need. Please always feel free to reach out for help.

Here are some suggestions:

- Any canned meats, poultry, and fish (tuna, especially)
- Muffin, Brownie, Cake or Cornbread Mixes
- Fruit & Vegetables (canned)
- Hamburger or Tuna Helper (type meals)
- Peanut butter
- Jelly and jam
- Juices and bottles of water
- Saltine crackers, granola bars, chips
- Cereals (preferably non or low sugar, hot or cold)
- Oatmeal (packets or container)
- Macaroni & Cheese (boxed)
- Pet Food (canned or dried) and treats
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Toilet Tissue, napkins and tissues
- Shaving Cream & soap (bars & liquid)
- Paper Towels
- Feminine Products
- Deodorant
- Laundry & dish soap
- Pancake/waffle Mix
- Pasta & Meals in a can (Ravioli, Spaghetti, etc.)



You are invited to BOH scheduled Zoom meetings.

Topic: **HeartSource meeting**

Time: Mondays at 03:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

1. Go to [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us)
2. Click "[Join a meeting](#)" near top
3. Enter meeting ID **899 5832 2582** and passcode 182150 click "[join](#)."
4. Click "[Leave Meeting](#)" when finished

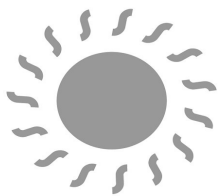




BY THE SEASHORE

The sea and its creatures are evidence of God's intention and purpose in creation.

Directions: Unscramble the words. Then copy the circled letters in order below to complete Psalm 104:24-25, NIV.



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How many are your works, LORD!
 In wisdom you made them _ _ _ ;
 the earth is full of your creatures.
 There is the _ _ _ , vast and spacious,
 teeming with _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ beyond number —
 living things both large and small.

Psalm 104:24-25, NIV

BEACON OF HOPE CALENDAR JULY, 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:00 am service at WKUMC with Zoom	1 Office CLOSED 3:30 pm Heart-Source Meeting via Zoom	2 9:00-2:30pm GM Office Open 6:00pm-8:00 pm Combined Admin Council Mtg at GM & Zoom	3 9:00-2:30pm GM Office Open 6:30pm Combined SPRC meeting	4 OFFICE CLOSED  Independence Day 5:15-7:00pm TOPS in FH at GM	5 Office CLOSED	6
7 8:30am Men's Club at GM  10:00 am Worship service GMUMC with Zoom	8 Office CLOSED 3:30 pm Heart-Source Meeting	9 9:00-2:30pm GM Office Open Super Sr Gathering 1-3 WK	10 9:00-2:30pm GM Office Open	11 9:00-2:00pm GM Office Open 5:15-7:00pm TOPS in FH at GM	12 Office CLOSED	13
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