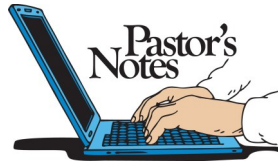




*June, 2024*



Dear Church,

Welcome to Summer! Usually the Summer is a time to relax in the Church and regroup. However, we continue to be focused in our work, so that we can discern what God would have us do. On June 4th we will gather from 6-8pm at Goodwins Mills to continue to talk about the Wesley Development Group's recommendations. The elected members of Christ Church Cabinet, Goodwins Mills Administrative Council, West Kennebunks Administrative Council, and the elected members of the Coordinating Committee will hopefully be able to vote on the disposition of our church buildings, and identify a way forward into new mission and ministry. At this meeting members will have voice, with the Cabinet, Administrative Councils, and Coordinating Committee members may decide to vote. This is a positive thing for our churches. Remember stagnant water does not promote life. It is flowing, living water ever changing and adapting that leads to life in all of its fullness. Baptism to a new birth, a new creation, is done from living water.

So as we prepare for summer in Maine, may we continue to be in prayer and discernment. How is God calling us to be living water? How is God allowing us to see a plan for the future.? As always, I promise to keep communication open. I am available if you have questions, suggestions, or just want to say hello. I truly feel, let me say that again, I truly feel we are on the threshold for meaningful change. May we embrace this time in our Church, and have resurrection hope for what lays ahead. I want you all to know, I deeply care for all of you. I wish you peace and blessings.

With Love and Gratitude,

Rev. Ed

## The Letter of the Law

HeartSource turns to the Scriptures each week to find God's word. This reading is based on Mark 2 where Jesus runs up against the Law according to the Temple priests. We need laws to keep order in society, but laws do not always present the side of compassion, and love. Jesus teaches us through examples of healing, kindness and compassion. We must live our lives following the teachings of Jesus.

### **Voice 1:**

I am in a committed gay relationship with someone I love very much. My partner and I are planning to get married, but the wedding planner I tried to hire says that homosexuality is a sin, and she can't help us because she would be complicit. So much for Christian compassion.

### **Voice 2:**

I am a transgender student. I was struggling in public school, so my parents tried to enroll me in a Christian school, but they wouldn't accept me unless I agreed to use the name and pronouns I was assigned at birth and dress accordingly. I am feeling like nobody wants me anywhere. I might be better off dead.

### **Voice 3:**

I live with a partner whose spouse got a broken neck in a skiing accident years ago and is completely paralyzed and in a nursing home. My pastor says adultery is sin and my partner and I are going to hell if we continue to live together. I guess if I'm going to hell, there are going to be a lot of us there.

### **Voice 1:**

I was a member of the church choir until my husband found out I was cheating on him and told everyone. Now the women at my church won't even speak to me unless they have to. I don't even want to be there anymore.

### **Voce 2:**

I am an alcoholic. I used to teach at a Christian college, but I was fired when I couldn't hide my addiction any longer. I wish they would have offered me some help instead of just disapproval and rejection. I want to get help, but I don't know where to turn.

### **Voice 3:**

The Pharisees were the religious experts of Jesus' time. They demanded that everyone else follow the letter of the law, but they themselves were short on compassion. Jesus angrily pointed out to them that the law was intended to help people understand how to live lives pleasing to God. It was never intended to be a weapon used to inflict damage on other people.

### **Narrator:**

We may be uncomfortable with how certain other people behave, but Jesus set the example, with his life of accepting everyone with compassion, understanding, healing, and love.

# SANFORD

## 2024 Pride Picnic

A welcoming event for all members of our LGBTQIA+ community and their loved ones

For more info contact Project Community on Facebook @projectcommunitymaine

Sunday, June 2, 12 pm - 3 pm  
Gowen Park



All free! ★ Lunch provided! ★ Music & entertainment ★ Community orgs and resources!

Hosted by:

### PROJECT COMMUNITY



# PRIDE DAY AT SEASHORE

SATURDAY JUNE 8 | 9:30AM-4:30PM

\$3 from each ticket sold will benefit Out Maine



For the full schedule visit [www.trolley museum.org/event/prideweekend](http://www.trolley museum.org/event/prideweekend)



a just world for all  
[ucc.org](http://ucc.org)

### Online resources for support:

<https://www.outmaine.org>

<https://www.glaad.org>

<https://www.namimaine.org/lgbtq/>

God delights in you!



You are God's beloved!





*Betty Schofield, who was in an unusual car accident in March, stopped by the office with a note to share with the congregation.*

“The One who made us knows how to mend us—gently, wisely, patiently.”

My sincere appreciation to one and all who have encouraged me in recent weeks. I can gratefully report that healing progresses well, though very slowly. Prayers are being answered daily and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for each of them.

Betty Schofield



**Christ Church Federated**

**Goodwins Mills UMC**

**West Kennebunk UMC**

### **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)> ) and you will be added to this community!



### **Memorial Day to Labor Day**

**May 28th - September 3rd**

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

Thursday 9am - 2pm







Everyone has been very generous about filling the tent for the homeless, and that generosity is much appreciated. Now that summer is coming, the need is for sneaker type shoes, tee shirts, shorts, and always socks and underwear. Also please consider sunscreen and bug spray as well as other personal care items. Please no dress clothes or shoes, and no household items. If you would not take it camping with you, it isn't appropriate for the homeless.

Thank you!

**The following is a list of things that are needed**

- Bottled water & portable water carriers
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Lip balm and sunscreen
- Hats and bandanas
- Flashlights and batteries
- Dunkin Donuts/Hannaford gift cards of any denomination
- New underwear for both genders, of any style
- Hygiene items (soap, shampoo, deodorant)
- Backpacks & camping equipment (cooking, etc.)
- Toilet paper, disposable razors, shaving cream
- Tents and sleeping bags
- T-shirts, shorts, sweats for both genders in sizes M, L, and XL
- Pet food
- Socks, socks, and more socks!

***Donations can be dropped off at Goodwins Mills UMC, 55 Church Street, Lyman***

Happy  
ANNIVERSARY

Ben & Arelle Harris—24



Brian Wren—3

Ruth Cray—7

Margie Lord—9

Mike Boislard—9

Ashley Davis—9

Vonnie Welch—10

Joanna Brown—11

Megan Burgess—11

Morgan Rivard—21

Doug Whitmore—21

Kathryn Davis—24

Eva Harris—28

Jesse Jean—29



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

**Church Mailing Addresses:**

West Kennebunk UMC, P.O. Box 532, 160 Alfred Road, West Kennebunk, ME 04094

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

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*Let's sing in choir again!*

*All are welcome!*

For the month of June, Beacon of Hope Choir rehearsals are held **Fridays at 11:00 a.m.** and **Sundays at 9:00 a.m.** at **West Kennebunk UMC, 160 Alfred Road, West Kennebunk, ME.**

Any questions, contact Susan Heafield: at [heafield.susan@gmail.com](mailto:heafield.susan@gmail.com) or 207-502-7402.



The choir will sing at  
West Kennebunk UMC every  
Sunday in June!



# 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.*

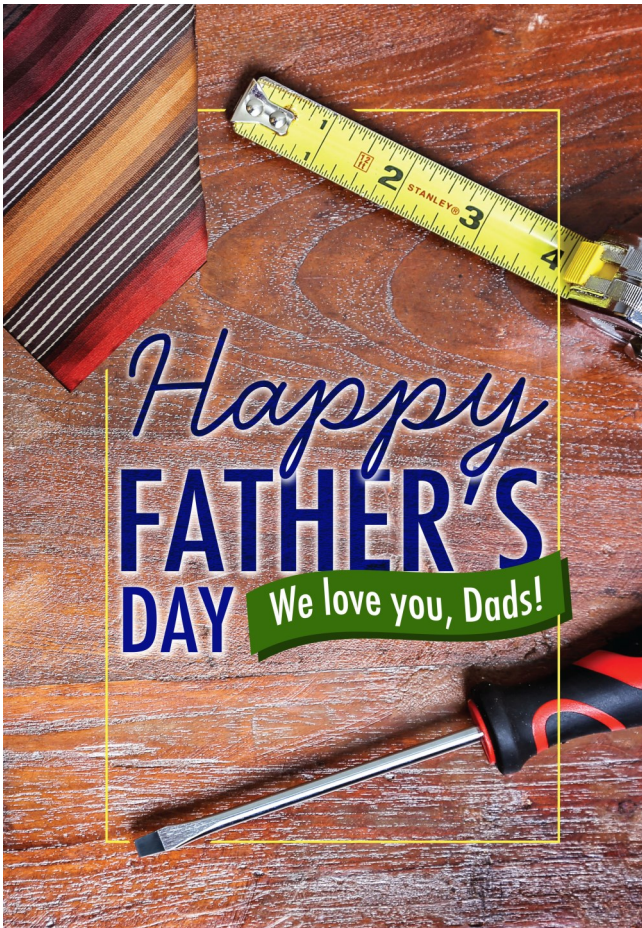
For Pastoral Care

Please Contact

Rev. Ed Bove

(401) 525-6866 or

revbove@gmail.com



## CONCERTS IN WEST K!

PRESENTING GREAT ACOUSTIC  
MUSIC SINCE 2014

WEST KENNEBUNK UNITED METHODIST

FRANK FERREL & KIMBERLEY HOLMES

FIDDLE & PIANO MUSIC FROM NEW  
ENGLAND & THE MARITIMES!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12  
7:30-9:30 PM



Don't Forget our **Super Senior Gathering!**

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

In June, our meetings will be the 11th and 25th.

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





# United Methodist Credit Union

[www.umfcu.org](http://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



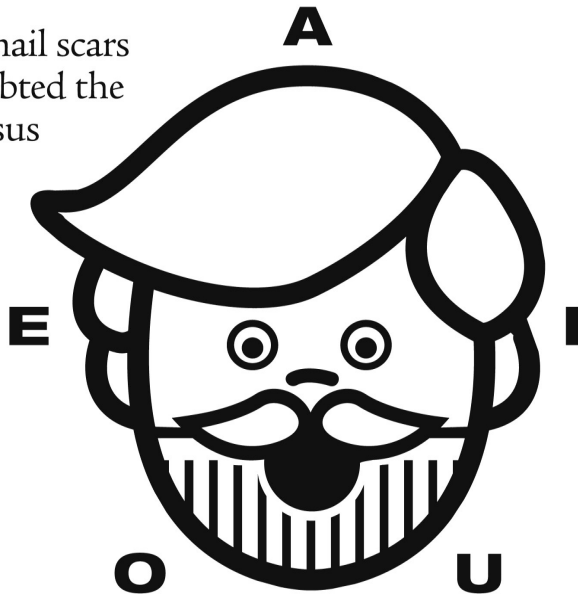




# SEEING AND BELIEVING

Until Thomas saw Jesus' nail scars with his own eyes, he doubted the resurrection. What did Jesus tell Thomas?

**Directions:**  
Use the code to fill in the vowels and complete  
*John 20:29, NIV.*



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**JOHN 20:29, NIV**

Answer: “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” John 20:29, NIV

# BEACON OF HOPE CALENDAR JUNE, 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p><b>2</b></p> <p>8:30am Men's Club at GM</p> <p>9:00am Choir Rehearsal @ WK</p> <p>10:00 am Communion service at WKUMC with Zoom</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Office CLOSED</p> <p>3:30 pm Heart-Source Meeting via Zoom</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9:00-2:30pm GM Office Open</p> <p>6:00pm-8:00 pm Combined Admin Council Mtg at GM &amp; Zoom</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:00-2:30pm GM Office Open</p> <p>6:30pm Combined SPRC meeting</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:00-2:00pm GM Office Open</p> <p>5:15-7:00pm TOPS in FH at GM</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Office CLOSED</p> <p>11:00 am Choir Rehearsal at WKUMC</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:00am Choir Rehearsal @ WK</p> <p>10:00 am Worship service WKUMC with Zoom</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Office CLOSED</p> <p>3:30 pm Heart-Source Meeting</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9:00-2:30pm GM Office Open</p> <p>Super Sr Gathering 1-3 WK</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>9:00-2:30pm GM Office Open</p> <p>7:30-9:30 pm Concert at WK</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:00-2:00pm GM Office Open</p> <p>5:15-7:00pm TOPS in FH at GM</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Office CLOSED</p> <p>11:00 am Choir Rehearsal at WKUMC</p> <p>Flag Day</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:00am Choir Rehearsal @ WK</p> <p>10:00 am Worship service WKUMC with Zoom</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Office CLOSED</p> <p>3:30 pm Heart-Source Meeting</p> <p>Rev. Ed Vacation</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>9:00-2:30pm GM Office Open</p> <p>Rev. Ed on Vacation</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9:00-2:30pm GM Office Open</p> <p>Rev. Ed on Vacation</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9:00-2pm GM Office Open</p> <p>5:15-7:00pm TOPS in FH at GM</p> <p>First Day of Summer</p> <p>Rev. Ed on Vacation</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Office CLOSED</p> <p>11:00 am Choir Rehearsal at WKUMC</p> <p>Rev. Ed on Vacation</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Rev. Ed on Vacation</p>
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<p><b>30</b></p> <p>10:00 am Worship service WKUMC w/Zoom</p>						