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Dear Friends,

When our son and daughter-in-law lived in Philadelphia, we visited them twice a year and developed our favorite places and things to do in the City of Brotherly Love. Never did we fail to visit the Reading Terminal Market, a feast of food booths with specialties from around the world. I grew up in an airline family and grew accustomed to ethnic delicacies. One of my favorite treats was and is halvah, a confection made from sesame paste and nut butter. There was a halvah stand in Reading Terminal Market and I bought fresh halvah each time we visited, savoring every delicious bite. On one particular visit, I asked the owner where he was from. Halvah is a favorite dessert throughout the Middle East but it is also served on the horn of Africa, in some Asian countries, and in the Baltics. The man looked up at me when I asked the question and with a deeply sad and pained expression, he told me he was from Syria.

Syria is a nightmare. For six years, people have fled their own homes and left their ancestral lands for any safe place in the world, not because they wanted to but because their own country is deadly dangerous. The shocking video footage we saw on television last month has been happening throughout these six terrible years in Syria. In round numbers and according to estimates from the United Nations, 3 million Syrian refugees have gone to Turkey; 2 million to Lebanon; 1 million to Jordan; 500,000 to Saudi Arabia; 500,000 to the United Arab Emirates and Iraq; 500,000 to Germany; and 300,000 to other European nations combined. 16,000 have come to the United States and this Halvah maker is one of them. He is a kind man. He is a good man. He is a smart man. He is a hard worker. His spoken English is flawless. He is simply trying to raise his family and make a living in a safe place.

Welcoming the stranger is basic to our faith. Helping the most vulnerable of our neighbors in this world is Christianity. May God grant us both wisdom, courage, and compassion as we seek to be serious disciples of Jesus.

Grace and peace,

Sarah

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School would like to thank Shawn Lewin for being our Church Friend for April. We loved his message about slowing down and enjoying nature around us. Please stop down and visit us any time!!

Some dates to remember for May:

7th~ We will be making our t-shirts for Children's Sunday. There is no makeup date planned for this project. If you cannot make it please let me know as soon as possible. Also, the Senior Sunday School will be starting their picture project with Sue Goodrich.

14th~ Mothers Day!! The Sunday School will be hosting coffee hour.

21st~ We will be having an after Church practice for Children's Sunday. Please bring a bag lunch for after Church and when we are done eating we will head upstairs to practice.

27th~ Saturday practice from 9am-11am.

28th~ Children's Sunday and Ice Cream Social!!

Please let me know if you have any questions!!

~Magen

YOUTH GROUP NEWS



SENIOR HIGHS

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH, 8:30 AM

Please join us for our last breakfast before church at Mama D's!

JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGHS

SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH

We will be celebrating our end of the year with a Portland Seadogs game! More details to be announced in June's newsletter and on our Facebook page.



SAFE PASSAGE

SUPPORTING ARMANDO THROUGH GRADUATION

For many years, we have supported a boy, now a young man, named Armando at "Safe Passage." For \$50 per month, we have helped with his education, health care, food, and spiritual nurture in this wonderful mission in Guatemala City. In addition, we have sent Armando and his family care packages, birthday greetings, Christmas gifts, and more. We would like, as a congregation, to see Armando through graduation by supporting him this year. If you would like to help, please sign up to support him for one month and make a check to the church for \$50 marked "Armando - Safe Passage" in the memo. Thank you so much for your consideration of this important ministry.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

MAY SCHEDULE

Please join us in the Church Library for about an hour starting at 8:25 AM Sunday. Each class begins with a ½ hour video lecture followed by an always-stimulating ½ hour group discussion.

Our schedule for March is:

- 5/7 Lecture 17 The Life of the Essenes
- 5/14 Lecture 18 From Roman Annexation to Herod the Great
- 5/21 Lecture 19 Herod as Builder—
Jerusalem's Temple Mount
- 5/28 Lecture 20

MEMORIAL DAY

WEEKEND-

NO CLASS

Each of the 36 classes is self-contained and does not require attending the previous class. A course guidebook is provided at a cost of \$15. Participants are welcome to attend the 30-minute videotaped lecture at the beginning if their schedule has other conflicts.

Betty and Ted Repa, Co-facilitators

TRUSTEES APRIL MEETING REPORT

We finished our Remembrance Garden Policy which you'll find here in the newsletter. There is also an application if you wish to memorialize a loved one in the Garden.

The hardscape for the Garden is nearly finished. Based on our level of plant fundraising, we'll determine in May how much of the planting can be scheduled for 2017. You can sign up to donate plants and materials at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4aa8ac22a5ff2-plant> or forms will be available in bulletins in the coming weeks.

We are planning to dedicate the Garden on Sunday, July 9th.

2017 Pledges and loose plate collections are slightly ahead of plan and our expenses are within plan thus far.

We offer our sincere thanks and gratitude to Sheila Gaspar for her years of service as our bookkeeper. Due to her move off of the peninsula, she is transitioning out of that role. As you would expect, she is working hard to accommodate us as we look to find and train her replacement. If you have interest or know someone who might, please get in touch with Heather in the Church office.

DEACONS REPORT

Hospitality is an interesting concept. In ancient times, hospitality meant welcoming the stranger and offering food shelter, and safety. The idea was that travelers might lessen their vulnerability and risk by finding sanctuary as guests, even if the host and guest might normally be considered "enemies." As such, hospitality was a sacred trust, where both parties agreed not to harm each other while under the same roof. Further, the host was expected to ensure that all the needs of guests were met. Today, hospitality still involves showing respect for one's guests, providing for their needs, and treating them as equals. What a lovely concept to employ with our own members and visitors to the church as we travel together on our respective faith journeys.

One concrete way of implementing this idea is for those of us who are hale and hearty to park in the upper lot on Sunday mornings, keeping the closer spaces available for those who need it most. Every hospitable thought that we act upon is a blessing to us and to others.

MISSION REPORT

We Get Mail!

Our church supports both Rebuilding Together and Habitat for Humanity in our outreach to our neighbors here in the Region who may need assistance in maintaining their own home. Here's what we've accomplished:

To the Congregational Church of Boothbay Harbor:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and our Habitat Partner Families, our sincere thanks to you for your generous donation of \$350. Your contribution helps fulfill our mission to create successful homeownership opportunities for families with limited incomes.

Building, repairing and weatherizing homes also build stronger families and a stronger Mid-Coast Community for us all. With your support, we will continue to address the issue of substandard housing. We are also excited to be looking to the future and identifying our next new home building sites. In addition, our Weatherizing and Repair program is assisting existing homeowners throughout our 31 town service area to make their homes warmer, safer and more affordable to maintain.

Your gift makes all of this possible and we appreciate your help as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary and move forward to help even more local families in the coming year.

In partnership,

Mark Primeau

Congregational Church of Boothbay Harbor

Remembrance Garden Policy

"They will be like a well-watered garden, and they will sorrow no more." ~ Isaiah 58:11
"I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow." ~ Jeremiah 31:13

The Remembrance Garden is a hallowed, tranquil place for contemplative thought and prayer. Within the garden are three distinct areas. A Founders' Garden honoring the founders of the church; a Pastors' Garden honoring former pastors of the church and a Memorial Garden honoring individuals connected with this Church.

Eligibility: We believe God welcomes all people into the world. When those who have had a relationship with this Church pass on, we invite their families to remember them here by engraving their names in the Memorial Garden. In addition, we welcome a remembrance of their cremains to be scattered here among the stone pillars. No cremains may be interred in the Garden. Specific arrangements should be discussed with the Pastor.

Terms: The Church requires the requisite form and waiver be completed and approved by the Pastor or an elected Trustee. This form indicates a knowledge, and acceptance of the rules and regulations outlined in this policy. Reasonable notice is required prior to scattering or spreading ashes and further requires that a designated representative of the Church be present when cremated remains are placed. The Remembrance Garden is sacred. No flowers, plants, or other decorations shall be placed in the Garden. The Garden may not be altered in any way by any individual without the prior written approval of the Trustees. Though the Church cannot guarantee the perpetuity of the Remembrance Garden and has no legal obligation to do so, the Church assumes the moral responsibility to maintain the Garden for the purpose intended if it remains reasonably practical to do so. The Congregational Church of Boothbay Harbor, its members, employees and pastors assume no liability with the placement of any cremains within the Remembrance Garden. These terms and conditions of use may be changed or further rules and regulations added at the discretion of the Trustees.

Administration: The Church will maintain a record of the individual's name, date of birth, date of death, and date memorialized in the Garden. This will be kept in the Book of Remembrance. The Church will be responsible for engraving the individual's name and dates in the Memorial Stones. The engraving on each stone shall be uniform in size and style designated by the Church. The Trustees will be responsible for the physical appearance of the Remembrance Garden and will actively interface with professionals and/or volunteers to ensure that it is always neat and attractive and that the plantings are well tended.

Costs: The cost for being memorialized in the Garden is \$500 and is all inclusive of engraving and future care. Checks may be made payable to The Congregational Church of Boothbay Harbor. Please write Remembrance Garden in the memo.

"Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love."

~ John: 13:1

The Congregational Church of Boothbay Harbor

Remembrance Garden Application

We are pleased that you chose to honor your beloved in the Remembrance Garden.

1. Read the Remembrance Garden Policy. It describes both the intention and restrictions.
2. Complete this application with the appropriate information regarding the deceased.
3. Sign the Application indicating your understanding of the Policy and waiving any claim or liability.
4. Attach the donation stipulated in the Policy.
5. Return the Application to the Church office for signature by the Pastor or elected Trustee.

Full Name of the deceased: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Date of Death: _____ Place of Death: _____

Relationship to the Church: _____

Last residence: _____

Spouse/Partner of deceased: _____

Children or other relatives of deceased: _____

Additional comments: _____

Date of committal: _____

I have read the Remembrance Garden Policy. On behalf of myself and my heirs, I release The Congregational Church of Boothbay Harbor, its members, employees, trustees, deacons and pastors from any liability arising out of the operation and administration of the Remembrance Garden.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Approval signature: _____ Date: _____

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Connecting Threads

Do you know someone who had a special event (wedding, christening, baccalaureate) at our Church? Someone who has left for warmer climes but retains a strong attachment for our beautiful Region? Someone who knows a good thing when they see it?

How about buying a raffle ticket for the Community Quilt? Tickets are \$10 apiece; three for \$25. Buy your ticket/leave cash or check in the fishbowl at the top of the stairs! And remember: With all monies going directly to the church, every ticket is a winner!

PILGRIM LODGE ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR 2017!



Go to www.pilgrimlodge.org/schedule for a newly posted interactive schedule with photos and program descriptions! Then click the "Register" button. Some sessions fill very quickly so be sure to get your registration in soon.



**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**
8AM MONDAY, MAY 8th
AT MAMA D'S



**Spring Walk for
Habitat for Humanity**
Sunday, May 7th

Registration at 1:00pm in Brunswick
Start time at 2:00pm

ITEMS STILL NEEDED

- 2 Cases (24 bottles per case) - bottled water (16.9 oz. bottles)
- 2 Dozen – individual bags of popcorn
- 4 Dozen – individual bags of Chex mix

DROP OFF

We are asking for all items to be dropped off at the Habitat Office in Topsham by **Wednesday, MAY 3rd**. Feel free to drop by your food and water items between now and May 3rd during business hours. You can leave your items in the upstairs office area or with someone in the office.

OR, call me I'll pick up items. I drive by the Habitat office every day.

I also have pledge packages available.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or would like to discuss any of the events and opportunities at Habitat.

Thank you,
Lincoln Erhard
Cell 207-522-4717

**CHURCH RETREAT
SIGN UP
TODAY!**
May 13, 2017

A day of fun for the entire church family as we envision our future together.

Location: Camp Kieve
Pasquaney Dining Hall
42 Kieve Road, Nobleboro,
Maine

Time: Breakfast at 8:15 AM
Closing at 3:30 PM
Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided.

If you need transportation or have special food needs-please let us know. Childcare will be provided.



May



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| REMINDER: COFFEE HOUR REFRESHMENTS ARE PROVIDED BY THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE THIS MONTH | 1  | 2 6:45a Book & Meditation | 3 7:30p Bells Practice | 4 12p AA Meeting 4:15p-5:15p Confirmation Class 7:30p Choir Practice | 5 12p Food Pantry | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 8:25a Adult Ed Classes 10a Worship 1p Spring Walk for Habitat for Humanity 5p Bible Study with David Eastwood | 8 8a Men's Breakfast 4:30p Food Pantry | 9 6:45a Book & Meditation 12p Food Pantry Meeting 5p Trustees Meeting 5:30p Committee Night | 10 11:30a Gregory Wing 7:30p Bells Practice | 11 12p AA Meeting 4:15p-5:15p Confirmation Class 7:30p Choir Practice | 12 12p Food Pantry | 13 8:15a Church Retreat @ Kieve, Nobleboro, ME | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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For more information, speak to Sarah
Foulger or email her:
sarahfoulger@gmail.com.



Email Heather at
congochurchbbh@outlook.com
to request an e-newsletter

WORSHIP IN MAY

- Sunday, May 7** “Sharing the Love” Acts 2:42-47 Communion
Sunday, May 14 “Ruth and Naomi, a Story for Mother’s Day” Ruth 1
Sunday, May 21 “To an Unknown God” Acts 17:22-31
Sunday, May 28 Children’s Sunday & Memorial Weekend

New Members ~ Sunday, June 4th

On June 4th, we will celebrate Pentecost, a perfect day for welcoming new members in the congregation. If you are interested in becoming a member of the church, please speak to Sarah Foulger: 633-4757 or sarahfoulger@gmail.com

Confirmation Schedule:

Thursdays, May 4, 11, 18, and 25 from 4:15-5:15. Dinner on the 25th. Confirmation on Sunday, the 28th.