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Dear Friends,

Love is a journey. Divine love leads us to assist strangers. Comforting love sustains us in grief. Sacred love consistently and historically leads people to freedom. Unconditional love is the language Jesus asks us to speak. Spending the seven weeks of Lent on the topic of Hope has given me the courage to spend the summer's worth of sermons on the subject of Love. I pray that this focus on love will be a blessing to you and to all of us as a congregation.

Tom Dewey started an evening series of summer story-telling that I'm calling "Sweet Stories of Truth and Grace." The "sweet" part refers to the cookies that will be served following story telling (see schedule on page 5). There is an open story-telling slot at the end of August. Have you written a non-fiction or fiction story that you'd like to share? Please let me know.

Enjoy every moment of this blessed summer. Make it a summer of love.

Grace and peace,

Sarah

MISSION NEWS



John Schindler & Friends

Concert to Help Asylum Seekers in Maine

Sunday, July 14 at 7 PM

Congregational Church of Boothbay Harbor

Sponsored by the Mission Committee of the Church

All donations will be given to ILAP, Maine's Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project, for legal support to and representation of asylum seekers and refugees.

Originally from Saint Louis Missouri, John was influenced early on by that town's rhythm and blues and his Oklahoma mother's singing. This funky start was drastically tempered by a nine-year stint in a Catholic seminary where silence and Gregorian chant were his daily bread. After leaving the brotherhood, and armed only with his vow of poverty, John moved to New England and pursued the path of an itinerant musician, playing in sundry bands and bad barrooms. It was during this time, he realized, that his audience could not understand Latin. Winner of both the 2003 Boston Folk Festival Songwriting Contest and the 2006 Rose Garden Coffeehouse Song Contest, John has also been a finalist in many other song contests. His CD Memory Train was CD of the Week on Chicago's WFMT's Midnight Special. His new CD is *Two-Step Man*. John lives in Boothbay Harbor, ME with his wife, Jane and fat cat, Iko.

DEACON'S REPORT

Update from the Journey

Although the crucial step of seminary is complete, there is still more to go along my journey to ordained ministry. As many of you know, I have graduated from Boston University School of Theology with my Masters in Divinity degree. I earned a 3.69 GPA and was the President of the UCC student group during this last year. However, there are a few more steps to go before ordination. At most, I believe there is only Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), writing a portfolio, revising my ecclesiastical paper, presenting said paper at an ecclesiastical council, and finding a full-time pastoral calling. Yet, there is a question as to whether the COM will be requiring the standard CPE or if there is an alternative path. Therefore, I ask for your continued prayers as I continue along this journey. Finally, the portfolio which I am writing requires confirmation from other people. So, our beloved deacons, who are my discernment committee, are helping to flesh out my strengths and limitations as a pastor. I will be making many sermons and liturgies available to them for this purpose. That said, I am happy to share past sermons, discuss seminary, and / or my theology in general with anyone, so, please let me know if you are interested in getting together for tea, coffee or just a nice conversation. May the blessings of God's love be with you all.

Brian Donovan



BARRETT'S PARK
OUTDOOR WORSHIP
SUNDAY, AUGUST 25
PICNIC LUNCH

Worship begins at 10 AM, weather permitting. If it should rain we will have worship in the Sanctuary. Please bring your own picnic lunch and blankets/chairs. Beverages and sweets will be served by the Hospitality & Fellowship Committee. We hope you will consider joining us as we celebrate God in his creation and engage in fellowship.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

The Trustees are busy refreshing the church building and grounds, working on a list of tasks that need attention this year such as painting, cleaning gutters, and other various jobs that are part of the regular maintenance. In July there will be a dedication of the Memorials in the Memorial Garden. For those who wish to remember a beloved family member who had a connection to the church, please inquire at the church office for information. The Garden is a lovely addition to the church grounds, and with the addition of granite benches has become a contemplative space as well.

Sandra Leonard, for the Trustees

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School is over for the summer, but we are still down in the Sunday School room each Sunday making crafts, drawing with sidewalk chalk, and blowing lots of bubbles! Everyone is welcome to come down and join in on the fun!



Make sure you stop by our Congo Kids Lemonade Stand! All the money the kids raise goes directly to Heifer International, our Sunday School mission focus. We will be set up Sunday, July 21st and 28th, as well as Sunday, August 4th and 11th. If we have beautiful weather we

will be outside on the front lawn after church or if it is raining we will be down in the Fellowship Hall. Stop by and say HI!

Thank you for supporting our Sunday School!

Please consider volunteering to do an **invocation**, provide **flowers for worship**, or **host Sunday coffee hour**. You may sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or online at www.congochurchbbh.org/signupcentral.

Want a BeFriender? But don't really need one?



As one of our leaders of our BeFriender Ministry at CCBBH, I recently learned that some of you have turned down the offer of a BeFriender thinking you were coping well, or not struggling hard enough to accept one.

Anyone going through or experiencing change or stress can have a BeFriender! You don't have to be struggling. Just having someone to meet with you and hear your experiences without judgment, advice, or a personal stake in how you are doing such a family member, can be an uplifting experience.

We don't counsel or advise. We are engaged in a listening ministry to offer compassion and caring.

BeFriender Ministry is a national, ecumenical non-profit organization that provides leadership training and ongoing support for a listening ministry of lay pastoral care in churches.

Our principles are:

God is Present

BeFrienders are aware that they are in God's presence when befriending someone and that the time shared is a blessing to both the person befriended and the BeFriender.

Caring Not Curing

BeFrienders accept people as they are without telling them how they should be, listen with compassion without giving advice, and allow others to make their own decisions without trying to decide for them. The care offered by BeFrienders provides an opportunity for those they befriend to make choices and grow.

Nonjudgmental Presence

BeFrienders provide a sacred and safe space for someone to talk about their experiences, thoughts, and feelings without being judged or criticized.

Active Listening

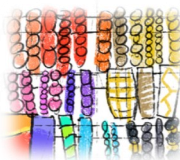
The value and healing potential of having one's story heard is profound. BeFrienders actively listen by using communication skills that create an environment of respect and dignity.

Please let me, Vicki Haugen, Sarah Foulger, or Shawn Lewin know if you would like more information!



Midcoast Literacy is looking for volunteer tutors to work with both children and adults in the Boothbay Region. We provide one-on-one tutoring

services for adults through our Literacy Volunteers Program. We help adults improve their skills in reading, writing, comprehension, math, computer literacy, English language learning, and literacy-based life skills so they can enhance their lives and achieve their personal goals. If you are interested please contact Don Lader at d.lader@midcoastliteracy.org or 207-443-6384.



Jewelry and Scarf Table

On December 7, 2019 we will again have fun at the Church's Christmas Fair used jewelry sale!

This year we have added scarves! Please consider cleaning out your closet and jewelry box for the sale table. Any sort of scarves or jewelry is helpful! If you have something really special we might have a raffle for your piece.

FMI contact Alice Mutch | 410-353-3861 | amutch11@gmail.com



UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Journey to the Sultanate of Oman

Join Rev. Ken Bradsell for a ten-day trip to the beautiful country of Oman

Leaving USA January 26, 2020-Departing Oman February 5, 2020

Oman is a stunning contrast of desert, mountain, and coastal landscapes; historic forts; distinctive arts and crafts; sacred mosques interspersed with arresting contemporary architecture. A country known for its warm hospitality and safe environment, Oman strikes a perfect balance between a traditional past and its bustling modern society. It is easy to see why Oman is described as “the jewel of Arabia.”

\$2,350 per person

Deposit due October 1st

Group limit is 12. Cost includes lodging, meals, local transportation, lectures, trips, and excursions.

Airfare is not included

To reserve a place call or email Heather Lorrain or sign up on the bulletin board

at the Congregational Church of Boothbay Harbor

207-633-4757 No later than September 1, 2019

For more information and details of the trip check out the Sunday Worship bulletin or contact Rev. Ken Bradsell (kbradsell1948@gmail.com; 207-315-6263 or 201-294-8989)

SET FOR SUCCESS MISSION OUTREACH SUNDAY-JULY 14, 2019

To provide every elementary student, grades Pre K-8th grade with a new backpack, every teacher-requested school supply, a special haircut, medical screenings, and more!

For the past seven years a July mission outreach Sunday has taken place throughout our community of churches. This giving Sunday has been the backbone of support. Your donations of listed supplies or money gifts are essential to our efforts. Money gifts are most appreciated as it allows us to buy in large quantities at very low prices. On average, a parent will spend upwards of \$88 per child to prepare them with the basic needs to return to school.

SET FOR SUCCESS WISH LIST

Erasable ball point pens-black or blue ink

Papermate flair ballpoint pens

Crayola crayons 24 pk.

Elmers school glue

Crayola colored pencils 24 pk.

5 subject spiral notebook

Kleenex tissues

Lined paper for 3 ring binders

Pencil boxes

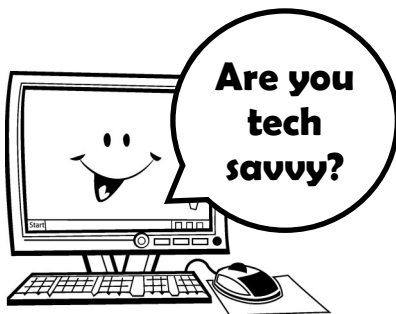
Boxes of Ticonderoga #2 pencils

ELMERS (only) glue sticks

**MONEY GIFTS: CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO BRCRC
SET FOR SUCCESS IN THE MEMO LINE**



**MONDAY,
JULY 8TH &
AUGUST
12TH
8 AM AT
MAMA D'S**



The office is looking for 2-3 volunteers who would be interested in learning how to prepare and print the weekly bulletin for worship no more than 3 times per year.

Volunteers should be proficient in Word, Adobe Acrobat, and comfortable using a copy machine and email. If you would like to be trained please email or call Heather Lorrain during church office hours.

Summer Events

Wednesday, July 3 at 7:30 PM

Lincoln Arts Festival Fundraiser

Ringers on the Green

Donations Accepted-checks made payable to LAF. All proceeds donated to BRCRC.

Friday, July 5 & Saturday, July 6

Doors open at 5:30 PM

Church Nights at the Carousel

"A Broadway Salute to Our Armed Forces"

*\$40 admission**

Sunday, July 14 at 10 AM

Jazz Sunday

Barney Balch and The Novel Jazz Quintet

Sunday, July 21 Following Worship

Ceremony in the Remembrance Garden to bless those that have been memorialized in 2019. Sandwich and Salad Luncheon to follow hosted by the Hospitality & Fellowship Committee and friends.

Saturday, July 27 at 7:30 PM

Lincoln Arts Festival Concert

Stephen Porter, Pianist

\$20 admission

Friday, August 9 at 7:30 PM

Sunday, August 11 at 7:30 PM

Lincoln Arts Festival Chorus Concert

Presents *Mozart's Requiem*

Linda Blanchard, Music Director

Sean Fleming, Accompanist

\$25 admission-Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, August 15; Friday, August 16 & Saturday, August 17

Doors open at 5:30 PM

Church Nights at the Carousel

"The 39 Steps"

*\$40 admission**

Sunday, August 18 at 1 PM

Set for Success

Boothbay Region YMCA

Sunday, August 25 at 10 AM

Outdoor Worship & Picnic Lunch

Barrett's Park

Please bring your own picnic lunch and blanket/chairs. Beverages and sweets will be served by the Hospitality & Fellowship Committee.

Thursday, September 12; Friday, September 13 & Saturday, September 14

Doors open at 5:30 PM

Church Nights at the Carousel

"Where Have All the Hippies Gone?"

*\$40 admission**

**The reduced rate of \$40 includes choice of soft drink/iced tea/iced coffee, chowder/ soup/ salad, hot entree, dessert, and coffee or tea as well as the stage show listed above. Gratuity and beverages from the bar are not included in this price.*

Sweet Stories of Truth and Grace

Come listen to your neighbors share their poignant writing. Each story will be followed by time for responses and questions and then... dessert! Join us in Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday, June 25th 7 PM

Tom Dewey *"If Walls Could Talk"*

Tuesday, July 30th 7 PM

Marion Coleman *"The Lullaby of Chicken Fried Steak"*

Tuesday, August 27th 7 PM

TBD



JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7pm LAF Rehearsal	2 6:45am Book & Meditation	3 2:30pm NH4W Women's Support Group 7:30pm Ringers on the Green	4 Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED 12pm AA Meeting 5:30pm Church Nights at the Carousel	5 11:30am Food Pantry 5:30pm Church Nights at the Carousel	6
7 10am Worship	8 8am Men's Breakfast 4:30pm Food Pantry 7pm LAF Rehearsal	9 6:45am Book & Meditation 12pm Food Pantry Meeting 5pm Trustees Meeting 5:30pm Committee Night	10 11:30am Gregory Wing 2:30pm NH4W Women's Support Group	11 12pm AA Meeting	12 11:30am Food Pantry	13
14 10am Worship-Jazz Sunday/Set for Success Mission Outreach 7pm John Schindler & Friends Benefit Concert	15 7pm LAF Rehearsal	16 6:45am Book & Meditation	17 8am LAF Meeting 2:30pm NH4W Women's Support Group	18 12pm AA Meeting	19 11:30am Food Pantry	20
21 10am Worship 11am Lemonade on the Lawn 11am Remembrance Garden Dedication	22 7pm LAF Rehearsal	23 6:45am Book & Meditation	24 2:30pm NH4W Women's Support Group	25 12pm AA Meeting	26 11:30am Food Pantry	27 7:30pm LAF Concert Stephen Porter, pianist
28 10am Worship-John Murray Sunday 11am Lemonade on the Lawn	29 7pm LAF Rehearsal	30 6:45am Book & Meditation 7pm Sweet Stories of Truth and Grace	31			



AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Watch Sunday worship at 10 AM LIVE on our website or channel 1301 for Spectrum subscribers.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE SUNDAYS 10 AM

JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Mini Sermon Series on Forms of Love

JULY 7 Rev. Dr. Sarah Foulger “Love of Freedom” Exodus 8:1; Galatians 5:1-25

JULY 14 Rev. Dr. Sarah Foulger **JAZZ SUNDAY/SET FOR SUCCESS SUNDAY**
“The Lyrics of Love” 1 Corinthians 13:1-12

JULY 21 Rev. Dr. Sarah Foulger “The Persistence of Love” Ruth 1:1-18
Please join us in the Remembrance Garden following worship for a brief ceremony with a Sandwich and Salad Luncheon to follow hosted by the Hospitality & Fellowship Committee and friends.

JULY 28 Rev. Dr. Sarah Foulger **JOHN MURRAY SUNDAY** “The Risks of Love” Acts 16:6-10 Peter Campbell on bagpipes

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

AUGUST 4 Rev. Virginia Rickeman

AUGUST 11 Rev. Eileen Sypher

AUGUST 18 Rev. Dr. Sarah Foulger “Loving God” John 21:15-20

AUGUST 25 Rev. Dr. Sarah Foulger **OUTDOOR WORSHIP & PICNIC LUNCH** “Loving Creation” Psalm 23; John 21:1-13