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Dear Friends,

This earthly life is full of storms, both external and internal, both personal and political. Last month while driving, I was suddenly in the thick of one of the violent microbursts that claimed so many of our peninsula's trees. Some of you sustained significant damage to homes and cars. I haven't heard that anyone was seriously injured in that storm and for that I am grateful.

Last month, hundreds of thousands of neighbors as near as the Carolinas and as far as China were pummeled by the winds and waters of frightening and deadly storms. Recovery will take time and we are all, of course, eager to help. The mission committee is hosting a fundraiser breakfast to help with hurricane relief through the United Church of Christ: Sunday, October 14th, 8 AM. Breakfast will be delicious and all donations will go to hurricane relief. May the peace of God prevail in our souls through every storm.

The Deacons offered a relatively new (1988) version of the Lord's Prayer this summer. Some found it disconcerting while others found it refreshing. For some, the known version is a source of comfort and for others, the new version helped them to pray more thoughtfully. Wherever you are in this spectrum of responses, let us remember:

1. The original version would have been offered by Jesus in Aramaic. While it would be nice to have in print the very words Jesus spoke, we simply don't.

2. Two different Greek versions of the Lord's Prayer show up in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Matthew (6:12): "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." Luke (11:4): "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who are indebted to us." Poetic license and a culture of land ownership got us to the "trespasses" translation.

In whichever language or version, the point is that we are both asking God for forgiveness and extending forgiveness to others. May God bless us to this end. And may God grant us wisdom and courage for the living of these days.

Grace and peace in Christ,

Sarah

TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees reconvened in September and continued our work reviewing, updating, and organizing our church policies and by-laws. That project is nearly complete. We are also putting the final touches on an Employee Handbook for church employees. Many thanks to Wendy Wolf for her leadership on that front. Both the Trustees and the Deacons continue working on our Church Safety Policy and will conduct a joint meeting in October to further our efforts. Our annual audit was recently completed and we were given another clean report. Thanks to Alex and Kathleen for their diligent work keeping our books. Pledges continue to come in strong and more than make up for softer loose plate collections. Expenses continue to track slightly below plan overall leaving the church on solid financial footing heading into the fourth quarter.

MISSION NEWS



Photo by Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images

Hurricane Florence Relief Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, October 14th
8 AM

Fellowship Hall

Donations gladly accepted!

All donations will go to UCC Hurricane
Disaster Relief Ministries.

<http://www.ucc.org/>

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DEACONS REPORT

We are delighted to welcome new members to the Church, who joined over the summer.

Sharon Rofe is from Texas and spends summers on Barter's Island. She is a retired elementary school teacher who taught math in a Gifted and Talented program, as well as Language Arts. Sharon has one daughter and three teenaged grandchildren. Her passions are tennis, mahjongg, reading, and her four cats.

Susan Stewart grew up in Maryland, outside Washington, D.C., and has been spending summers in Boothbay since she was five. She currently summers at Signal Point with her Schnoodle and her significant other, Larry. Susan loves the "needle arts," quilting, sewing, knitting, and needlepoint.

Marilyn and Al Marin live at St. Andrews Village, and came to Boothbay by way of Fort Kent, New Hampshire and Florida. Married for sixty years, they have six children, twenty-two grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Marilyn is a retired elementary school teacher, while Al was a college professor and worked for Lockheed Martin in Nashua, New Hampshire. While they lived in New Hampshire, Al was a Deacon at their church in Hillsboro. Marilyn is a quilter and also enjoys cooking and gardening. Al is a HAM radio operator; his call sign is K1CYJ.

Betsey de Groff is vacationing in Seattle. Stay tuned next month for more about Betsey.

MEMORIALIZE YOUR LOVED ONES
IN THE
REMEMBRANCE
GARDEN

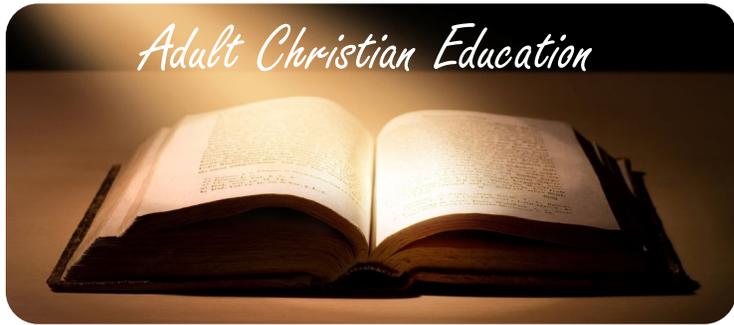


\$500 per engraving

(Cost includes the engraving
and maintenance)

Please contact the church
office for more information

ADULT EDUCATION



October Schedule

- 10/7** Lecture 28 The Mystical Sect-Shi'a
- 10/14** Lecture 29 The Appearance of Sufism
- 10/21** Lecture 30 Early Sufi Masters
- 10/28** Lecture 31 The Limits of Mysticism-Al Ghazzali

Each class is self-contained and does not require attending the previous class. 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Wow!! What a great Rally Day we had!! Thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated food for the BBQ. Thank you to Eric Marden for letting us use his grill to cook all the yummy hamburgers and hotdogs! Thank you to everyone who came to the BBQ to welcome the Sunday School kids back for the 2018-2019 Sunday School year! We had a great first day!

Senior Sunday School (grades 4-6), I am excited to welcome Peggy Pinkham as our first special guest of the year! You guys will be working on the 10 Commandments on October 14th and November 4th. Also, don't forget that the first Sunday of every month the Senior Sunday School will be the church greeters!

We have lots of fun stuff planned for this year!
~Magen

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Hello Friends,

As September comes to a close and we begin to face Autumn in earnest, there are a few goings on in regards to our wonderful Youth Groups that I would like to impart. While attendance has been a tad lower than preferred, those young ladies, who have taken to task the opportunity to help both their community and their personal growth through deliberation and intended action, are an amazing group of youngsters that I am thrilled to be working with. Thanks to the generous nature of the Boothbay Region YMCA, we have received permission to begin preparations for our first Youth Event: a Haunted Hayride/House to be held at Camp Knickerbocker.

The plans and events that have already been concocted will call for many volunteers (that we hope to draw from the schools and community as a whole) but the groups are immensely excited to put this together. There will be a meeting October 7th for both JR and SR Youth groups at 4pm at the YMCA to finalize plans for set-up and volunteers. While a percentage of the proceeds will go the Y, in thanks for provided site, the majority of the proceeds will be donated to the Hurricane Florence Relief Movement (a notion conceived by one of our very own Sr. Group Members).

Keep a weather eye for flyers which will be detailing the proceedings at the schools and local post boards, but in short, we are looking to have this event occur on October 20th from 6 to 10PM. Set up for this event will occur the weekend prior and be spread between the 13th and 14th of October. If you have any unneeded Halloween decorations to contribute or would like to know more about the event, please do not hesitate to email me at rbishop@brymca.org.

Stay Happy and Healthy
Roosevelt "Robo" Bishop

HOSPITALITY & FELLOWSHIP

There is an updated Coffee Hour Memo in the kitchen. If anything needs to be changed or improved just let me know.

The Hospitality and Fellowship Committee had a good meeting on September 11th, albeit with just 3 members able to attend. We talked at length about the Long Range Planning Committees proposed initiatives and will be getting that feedback back to them. We also discussed next year's calendar and this year's Christmas Fair. Speaking of all that, I urge the Hospitality Committee members to mark their calendars and plan on attending the next 2 Committee Nights on October 9th and November 13th. Important time of year for planning! Hope to see you there!

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

"WHAT SHALL WE BRING?" is the theme for this fall's stewardship campaign. It begins Sunday, October 7th. Members and friends are asked to



consider their contributions to the on-going work of our church. This entails not only financial support but also your time and talent.

Informational letters will be sent at the start of the campaign.

Stewardship Sunday is November 18th!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

AV TECH ASSISTANCE

The AV Tech Team needs at least one more volunteer to help with streaming of our live worship service. We have equipment, experience, and WE CAN TRAIN YOU! Please speak to Tom Dewey, Sue Goodrich, or Jeff Long for more information.

We could also use someone to prepare the Keynote (PowerPoint for Mac) presentations for display on the monitor at the front of the church. Please speak to Sue about that.

Spirit ~ Stories ~ Love

The Maine UCC Conference will be having their Annual Meeting this month at the First Parish Church in Saco, Maine. We need two volunteers to represent the church on Saturday, October 27th. Participants will be able to attend two workshops of their choice and a sit down lunch, paid for by the church. If you are interested in learning more information or would like a detailed list of the workshops please contact Heather at the church office or visit the Maine UCC website at <http://maineucc.org/2018-annual-meeting/>

RECYCLING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



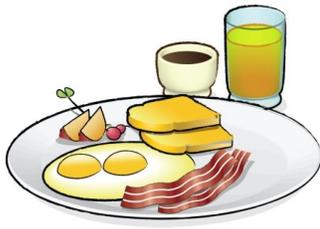
The church is looking for some volunteers to help take the recycled paper and cardboard to the transfer station on a regular basis, possibly weekly or bi-weekly. If you are interested in helping out, please call Heather at the church office for more information.


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

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UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



The first breakfast for this season will be 8 a.m. on **Tuesday, October 2nd** at **Brown Brothers**.

Please sign up if you plan to attend. If you

find that you are unable to attend, remove your name from the list by Sunday, September 30 or call Arlene Smith 633-2383.



UNWANTED JEWELRY?

Has spring cleaning left you with some unwanted jewelry? The church plans to have a jewelry table at the 2018 Christmas Fair. If you wish to donate please

contact Barb Zarpentine for more information. barblee27@icloud.com



PARTNERING TO END HUNGER



Good Shepherd

FOOD BANK OF MAINE

FOOD MOBILE

The Good Shepherd Food Bank Food Mobile will be available to anyone in need of food assistance.

Please bring your own bags and boxes.
Parking lot behind the church.

12-1 PM

Tuesday, October 2nd
Tuesday, November 6th
Tuesday, December 4th



Community LUNCH

At St. Columba's

**Begins November 1st at
St. Columba's Episcopal
Church**

The 2018-2019 weekly program of Community Lunches will begin at St. Columba's on Thursday, November 1st through the month of March.

A delicious lunch of hot soups, interesting breads, and finger food desserts will be offered. Beverages, hot and cold, will also be served.

Our church will host the first Thursday of each month. 8 soups, 5 interesting breads, and 5 finger food desserts are needed. You may sign up in Fellowship Hall to help. New participation is always welcomed.

Set-Up is from 10-11:30am; Lunch is from 11:30-12:45pm; followed by clean-up.

Contact Sandra Seifert FMI. We thank you.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

HAUNTED
HAYRIDES

HAUNTED
HOUSE



HALLOWEEN HURRICANE RELIEF FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

6-10 PM @ CAMP KNICKERBOCKER

COST: BY DONATION

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE UCC HURRICANE FLORENCE DISASTER RELIEF FUND

HOSTED BY THE JR & SR YOUTH GROUPS



"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." -Matthew 22:39

Neighbors in Need Offering Sunday, October 7, 2018

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the [Council for American Indian Ministry](#) (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:45am Book & Meditation 8am Women's Breakfast 12pm Food Mobile 3pm Addiction Support Group	3	4 9am Stewardship Stuffing Party 12pm AA Meeting 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	5 12pm Food Pantry	6
7 8:25am Adult Christian Education 10am Worship-Neighbors in Need Offering 4pm JR and SR Youth Groups meeting at YMCA	8 Columbus Day OFFICE CLOSED 8am Men's Breakfast 4:30pm Food Pantry	9 6:45am Book & Meditation 12pm Food Pantry Meeting 3pm Addiction Support Group 5pm Trustees Meeting 5:30pm Committee Night 7:15pm Bells Rehearsal	10 8am LAF 11:30am Gregory Wing	11 12pm AA Meeting 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	12 12pm Food Pantry	13 Youth Groups Set-up for Halloween Fundraiser-times TBA at October 7th meeting
14 8am Hurricane Florence Relief Breakfast Fundraiser 8:25am Adult Christian Education 10am Worship Youth Groups Set-up for Halloween Fundraiser-times TBA at October 7th meeting	15 Women's Retreat	16 Women's Retreat 6:45am Book & Meditation 3pm Addiction Support Group 7:15pm Bells Rehearsal	17 Women's Retreat	18 10am Befrienders Meeting 12pm AA Meeting 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	19 12pm Food Pantry	20 6-10pm Youth Group Halloween Hurricane Relief Fundraiser at Camp Knickerbocker
21 8:25am Adult Christian Education 10am Worship-Laity Sunday	22	23 6:45am Book & Meditation 3pm Addiction Support Group 7:15pm Bells Rehearsal	24	25 12pm AA Meeting 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	26 12pm Food Pantry	27
28 8:25am Adult Christian Education 10am Worship	29	30 6:45am Book & Meditation 3pm Addiction Support Group 7:15pm Bells Rehearsal	31 Halloween			



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Watch Sunday worship at 10 AM
LIVE on our website or channel 1301
for Spectrum subscribers.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE SUNDAYS 10 AM

October 7 **10 AM** **World Communion Day**
 "Our Place in the World" Psalm 8
2 PM Blessing of the Animals
 (Feast of St. Francis)



October 14 *"The Almost Disciple"* Mark 10:17-31

October 21 **Laity Sunday**
 Chip Griffin

October 28 **Celebration of All Saints' Day**
 "Saint Francis" Mark 10:46-52