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Dear Friends,

I’ve never been much for labels. Etymologically speaking, conservative has to do to preserving what is good, while liberal has to do with freedom and generosity. I don’t have to choose between these two because the world needs both impulses. I consider myself to be conservative in that I am interested in preserving: religious practice, the rule of law, responsible stewardship of the earth, and traditional family values such as commitment, honor, and most of all, love. I strive to be liberal in my giving, in my acceptance of others, and in my desire that all people be free to pursue happiness responsibly.

I don’t tend to view people according to labels but I do look at what’s right and what’s wrong, what’s sane and what’s crazy, what’s destructive and what’s redemptive. My prayer list is long these days. In addition to all the people who are struggling with illness, addiction, and other challenges, I pray daily for what is right and sane and redemptive.

I am also praying we have a lovely day for worship at Barrett’s Park on Sunday morning, September 10th. Bring a chair or a blanket and prepare to “Meet God Outside.” If the weather does not cooperate, we’ll meet God inside the sanctuary.

September 17th is Rally Day and the start of the Sunday School year. Before church on the 17th, there will be a breakfast fundraiser for the youth mission trip to Guatemala. Following worship on the 17th, there will be a BBQ! There is much to which we may look forward in our life as a congregation.

I am especially blessed to be taking a study leave later this month in Scotland and you are especially blessed because a truly remarkable pastor and poet, J. Barrie Shepherd, will be preaching in my absence on September 24th. Dr. Shepherd served as the minister of First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York (where Harry Emerson Fosdick preached from 1918-1924 and where he delivered his most famous sermon, “Shall the Fundamentalists Win?” Dr. Shepherd has written 14 books, and more than 400 of his poems have appeared in sacred and secular publications. It is a rare privilege to welcome J. Barrie Shepherd into our pulpit. I hope you will welcome him warmly. Some of his books are featured in our library.

Enjoy every blessing. Grace and peace,

Sarah

TRUSTEES REPORT

The John Murray Society, a legacy giving society, would like to recognize and welcome the following new members: Ralph & Sandra Seifert and Linda Burley.

Our Investment Committee is working with HM Payson to bring our Investment Policy into compliance with UPMIFA (Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act) standards as required by Maine law.

The Trustees asked Heather Lorrain to begin building a new Church web site that will be faster, easier, and more user friendly.

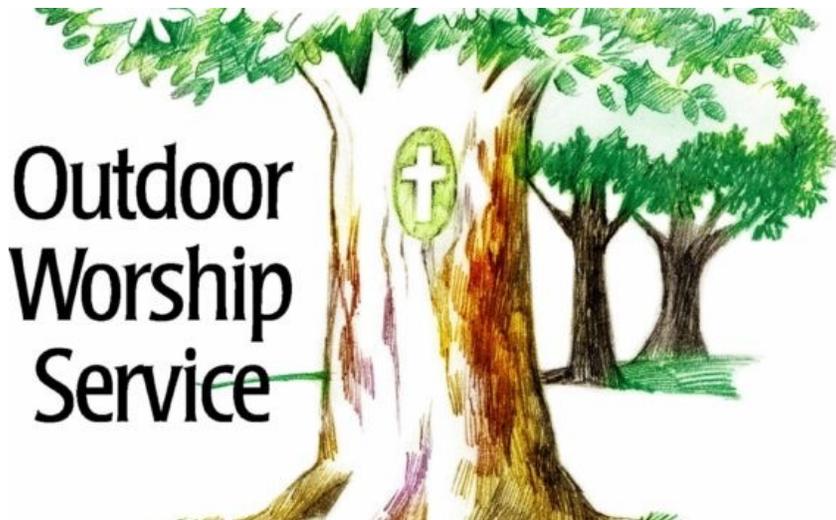
The Trustees approved a request from Heather and Kathleen to move to a cloud based version of Church Windows that will improve both our connectivity and data management as well as improve access for users and security for data.

Thanks to Cathy Conn for her expert planning and work leading the Remembrance Garden project. We look forward to completing the Garden next summer.

In September, the Deacons and Trustees will hold a joint meeting to review and prioritize the initiatives suggested from our spring retreat.

We welcomed Heather Lorrain to our monthly meetings starting in July. Heather will spend a year with the Trustees, helping to build both a job description and corresponding calendar for the Trustees as a group. In mid-2018, she'll move on to begin the same work with the Deacons. We look forward to Heather helping to capture and preserve this institutional knowledge.

DEACONS REPORT



**Outdoor
Worship
Service**

**“Meeting God
Outside”
Sunday, September 10th
10 AM
at Barrett’s Park**

On **Sunday, September 10th** we will be holding our **10 AM** worship service outside at **Barrett’s Park**. The sermon that Sarah will preach will be: “Meeting God Outside.” Being surrounded by the beauty of nature in worship is an important part of appreciating and of getting closer to God in creation. The choir will participate a capella and the morning’s hymns will all be familiar. We are encouraging everyone to bring a chair or blanket on which to sit. Carpooling from the church parking lot is suggested to help with parking at Barrett’s Park. Deacons will be available at the church that morning to give assistance to anyone who needs directions as well as at the park to help with seating. In the case of rain, of course, we will hold the worship service in the sanctuary. Please mark your calendars and plan to be at this special worship service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Please help me welcome back the Sunday School on Rally Day, September 17th!! We will have an ALL CHURCH BBQ this year. Burgers and hotdogs will be provided we just need help with salads, sides, beverages, and desserts. The sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall on the bulletin board. EVERYONE IS INVITED! Please join us to welcome back the kids!!

Also on the bulletin board is our sign up sheet to be a Church Friend. A Church Friend is anyone who would like to share their Sunday with the Sunday School. We would love to get to know a few of our fellow church members. There is more information about the program on the sign-up sheet or please contact Magen Chryplewicz with any questions. There are only 6 available dates this year to be a Church Friend so get down there and sign up!!

See you all on Rally Day!!
Magen

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP GROUP

Sunday, September 10 at 8:00 AM

Meet us at Mama D's for a (mandatory) before-church breakfast and chat about our upcoming fundraisers and trip details!

Sunday, September 17 at 6:30 AM

We will start getting ready for our before-church breakfast fundraiser!

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGHS

Sunday, September 10 at 12:00

Join us for our school-year kickoff! We will start the day with a quick meet and greet and then we will be going to the Cabin (In Bath) for pizza and then enjoying a fun afternoon at Popham beach! If the weather is uncooperative, we will spend the afternoon bowling.

Sunday, September 17 after Worship

Please join us for the Sunday School Rally Day to welcome all of the kids back! This will be held during church. We will be helping Magen and spending time with the kids. This will be the first of many Sunday School events that we will share together!

We're looking forward to seeing new faces and the familiar ones! Wishing you all the best on the first days of school!

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 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.

9/10	Lecture 24	Sites of the Trial and Final Hours of Jesus
9/17	Lecture 25	Early Jewish Tombs in Jerusalem
9/24	Lecture 26	Monumental Tombs in the Time of Jesus
10/1	Lecture 27	The Burials of Jesus and James

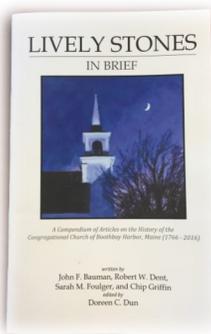
Each of the 36 classes is self-contained and does not require attending the previous class. A course guidebook is provided at a cost of \$15.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIVELY STONES IN BRIEF

A Compendium of Articles on
the History of the
Congregational Church of
Boothbay Harbor, Maine
(1766-2016)

In 2016, the authors of *Lively Stones* produced a series of brief articles containing the essence of each chapter, and those were published consecutively on a monthly basis in the *Boothbay Register*. There is now a booklet available that is a compendium of the twelve articles. It may be useful as a guide to the larger work, or it may be read as a stand-alone, abbreviated history of the Boothbay Presbyterian, now Congregational, UCC church and of the Boothbay region.

**Booklets are available for \$5.00
in the church office.**

Lay Spiritual Visitor Training Program

**September 26th-October 12th
Tuesdays and Thursdays
9 am-12 pm**

**Are you interested in becoming a Lay
Spiritual Visitor for either the Miles or St.
Andrews Campus of LincolnHealth?**

- **Develop your visitation skills**
- **No prior theological or pastor training is required**
- **Only ten spots available**
- **FREE**

**Register by September 15th
Applications available in the church office**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible Study Class begins Sunday, September 24 at 5 PM in the church library. It is a discussion-oriented class. Among the topics covered are authorship, date written, major themes, and historical setting. Everyone is welcome to attend. Each class is independent, so people can participate as their schedules permit.

Adult Bible Study Class begins Sunday, September 24 at 5 PM in the church library. It is a discussion-oriented



The Choir will begin rehearsing on **Thursday, August 31st at 7:30 PM** in the Sanctuary. YOU are welcome to join us. Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:30 pm and Sunday mornings at 9 am. Choir members sign out if

they know that they will not be available on a particular day.

Scientists conducting brain research in the past few years have concluded that singing together with other people causes our brains to release large amounts of oxytocin which help us to feel happy. Our Choir is not only happy but a vital component in fulfilling the ministry of this church. We will be so very glad to welcome you and help you find your singing voice.

If you have questions or concerns just speak with Genie O'Connell after church, call her, or e-mail her.

See you next week,
Genie O
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MEMORIALIZE YOUR LOVED
ONES IN THE
REMEMBRANCE GARDEN
\$500 per engraving

Please contact the church office for more
information



FLORENCE HARROLD

PRE-WORSHIP
Breakfast
FUNDRAISER
Sunday
Sept. 17th
8:30 - 10 am

The Senior High Youth Group girls who are going to Safe Passage in Guatemala in October will be putting on a fundraiser breakfast before church on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 8:30 am. The breakfast will be by donation at the door, with all proceeds going towards the group's Safe Passage donation. Come support our girls and their volunteer trip to support an incredible organization, and enjoy a hot breakfast at the same time!



LINCOLN
ARTS
FESTIVAL

Poetry Reading

& Book Signing

Saturday, Sept. 9th
7:30 PM

Lincoln Arts Festival Poetry Reading and Book Signing with Richard Blanco
\$25 admission ~ Reading in the Sanctuary, signing in Murray Commons

Thursday, Sept. 21st
6 PM

Church Nights at
Carousel Music Theater

**"Hold Tight It's
60s Night"**
\$30 admission*

*The reduced rate of \$30 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.



Connecting Threads

The winning ticket for the Community Quilt was pulled on July 30th and the lucky winner is Verna Lewis! Congratulations, Verna, and thank you to all who entered the raffle! The project netted \$1000 that will go toward paying down the remaining debt on our construction. In addition, creating the quilt was a labor of love!



John Murray Society

Have you considered remembering our church in your estate plans? There are many ways you can create a legacy gift and support our church's Christ-centered work here in our community. A member of the John Murray Society steering committee would be pleased to discuss the possibilities with you.

On Sunday July 30th, we recognized our newest inductees into the John Murray Society – those individuals and families who are working toward, or who have already established, a legacy gift.

Eugenia Shepard and the late Robert Shepard

Ronald Ross and Frederick Kraeuter

Marianne Reynolds

Dick and Jeanne Whittier

Pat Yetman

Sarah Foulger and Russ Hoffman

Barclay M. Shepard

Carol W. Ostermann

Peggy Grover Pinkham

Doreen Crawford Dun

Priscilla Gillespie and the late Charles Gillespie

Jacqueline and Peter Mundy

Carol E. Cragin

Jane and Ted Heidenreich

Elliott R. and Jean C. Barker

James L. Dun

Marty and Frank Helman

Ted and Betty Repa

Eric and Sandra Hakanson

JULY INDUCTEES

Ralph and Sandra Seifert

Linda Burley

Please feel free to contact one of us for more information.

JMS Steering Committee Members: Peggy Pinkham, Sarah Foulger, Alex Logan, Bob Hilscher, and Ron Ross.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE BOOTHBAY PENINSULA

**Wednesday
October 13th
7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall**

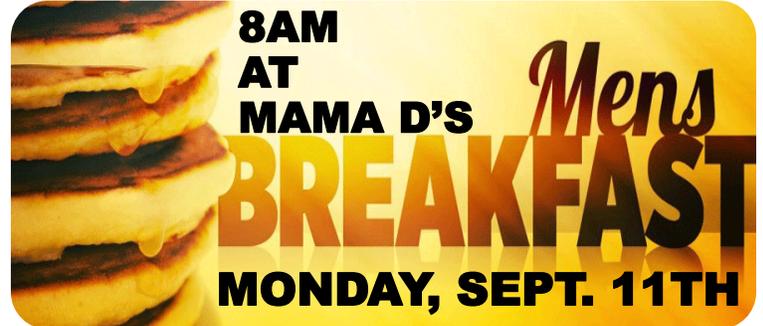
Dr. Nick Record of Bigelow Lab will offer an overview of changes we can expect on the Boothbay Peninsula as a result of climate change. Bring your questions and concerns. Everyone is welcome!



October will soon be here and we will be resuming the Women's Breakfasts. The October breakfast will be on Tuesday, October 3 at 8:00 a.m. at Brown's. There will be a sign-up sheet later this month. 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, October 1 or call Arlene Smith 633-2383. If we have fewer than 20 people we will be ordering off the menu. If there are more than 20, they may setup a buffet at a cost of \$11.95 per person.

BOOK & MEDITATION

**TUESDAYS
6:45 AM
CHURCH LIBRARY**



The Gift of Centering Prayer

Led By Armand Proulx



Be still and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10

**Saturday, September 16th
9 am - 2:30 pm**

In the 1970's, when people were turning to India and Eastern religions to learn meditation techniques, a group of Catholic monastics gathered at St Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, MA to reclaim the meditative practices of the ancient Christian mystics. From this meeting Centering Prayer has come down from the monasteries to take its place in everyday life. Now a worldwide Christian and interfaith movement, it offers an invitation to rest in the heart of God and is a gift for these unsettling times.

We are fortunate to host Reverend Armand Proulx, one of the early practitioners, to lead a Centering Prayer Workshop. Armand has devoted himself to contemplative prayer and study through his years as Regional Director of the LaSalette Missionary Order, as a human resources consultant, as a husband and father and as a UCC minister. He has conducted Centering Prayer workshops for over 40 years.

During his time with us, he will review the simple guidelines of Centering Prayer, offer some practical points, answer questions and explore how Centering Prayer contributes to peace in our turbulent times. We will also include two 20-minute sessions of centering prayer during the day. A simple lunch of soup and bread will be provided. Registration is requested for lunch planning purposes. Register through the church office at 207 633-4757 or cogochurchbbh@outlook.com. A \$10.00 donation is requested at the workshop.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SEPTEMBER					1 Sarah on Vacation 12p Food Pantry	2 Sarah on Vacation
3 Sarah on Vacation 10a Worship w/ Bob Dent	4 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED	5 6:45a Book & Meditation	6	7 12p AA Meeting 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	8 12p Food Pantry	9 7p LAF Richard Blanco Poetry Reading & Book Signing
10 8:25a Adult Christian Education 10a Outdoor Worship at Barrett's Park (see the Deacons Report for details)	11 Patriot Day 8a Men's Breakfast 4:30p Food Pantry	12 6:45a Book & Meditation 12p Food Pantry Meeting 4p Executive Committee Meeting 5p Trustees Meeting 5:30p Committee Night	13 11:30a Gregory Wing	14 12p AA Meeting 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	15 12p Food Pantry	16 9a Centering Prayer Workshop with Armand Proulx
17 8:25a Adult Christian Education 8:30a Pre-Worship Breakfast-Youth Group Safe Passage Fundraiser 10a Worship RALLY DAY COOKOUT FOLLOWING WORSHIP	18 Sarah on Study Leave	19 Sarah on Study Leave 6:45a Book & Meditation 8:30a BRCRC Meeting	20 Sarah on Study Leave	21 Sarah on Study Leave 12p AA Meeting 6p Church Nights at The Carousel Music Theater 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	22 Fall begins Sarah on Study Leave 12p Food Pantry	23 Sarah on Study Leave
24 Sarah on Study Leave 8:25a Adult Christian Education 10a Worship w/ J. Barrie Shepherd 5p Adult Bible Study w/ David Eastwood	25 Sarah on Study Leave	26 Sarah on Study Leave 6:45a Book & Meditation	27 Sarah on Study Leave	28 12p AA Meeting 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	29 12p Food Pantry	30

September

Michael Fritz	09/01
Tali Gosselin	09/03
Chuck Robertson	09/09
Carol Ostermann	09/17
Emilie Crocker	09/24
Kerrin Erhard	09/27
Cathy Shepard	09/29
Suzanne Crosby	09/30
Betty Repa	09/30



Sunday Coffee Hour
Refreshments are
provided by the
Stewardship Committee
for the month of
September



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Are You Interested in Joining the Church?

For more information, speak to Sarah
Foulger or email her:
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Email Heather at
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to request an e-newsletter

WORSHIP SCHEDULE **SUNDAYS 10 AM**

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| September 3 | Guest Minister ~ Bob Dent ~ Labor Day Weekend |
| September 10 | OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT BARRETT'S PARK
"Meeting God Outside" ~ Exodus 12:1-14; Matthew 18:15-20 |
| September 17 | "Seventy times Seven" ~ Matthew 18:21-35 |
| September 24 | Guest Minister ~ Rev. J. Barrie Shepard |
| October 1 | "The Kingdom of God: Who's In & Who Should Be Worried"
Exodus 17:1-7; Matthew 21:23-32 ~ World Communion Sunday
2:00 p.m. The Blessing of the Animals (Feast of St. Francis) |
| October 8 | LAITY SUNDAY ~ Tom Dewey, lay preacher |