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Dear Friends,

I had quite a lively week in Ireland and England with my dear sister, Alice. I was pleased to see the Book of Kells up close, study the famous sculpture of Oscar Wilde, and learn the proper way to pour a Guinness. Everywhere we went, I was reminded that human beings are resilient.

On the streets of Dublin, I met an 80-year-old woman named Betty. She never married and has no family living but surrounds herself with friends and is ever eager to make new ones. Betty was treated for breast cancer about 20 years ago but recently, the cancer showed up again. She's decided not to have treatment this time around. In the meantime, Betty continues to enjoy what she calls a good life, delighting in her daily walk & gladly sharing her native Dublin with visitors.

On a train to Galway, I met a fellow named Joe who has lost most of his family, his wife to cancer, his son to drugs, his granddaughter to a genetic disorder. Joe has attempted to retire several times but continues to find meaning in his work and loves to visit friends all over the world on a regular basis.

While in England, I took part in a little family reunion with three remarkable cousins who lost their father to depression and alcohol when they were but children. It has been years since I've seen them and I am deeply impressed by the beautiful lives and families they have created in the wake of disaster.

Human beings are resilient. We endure disappointment, loss, disease, shock, betrayal, and abuse. Yet, with time and support, we endure. While there are exceptions, most people, through divine power and grace, are able to move beyond the traumas of life. While the pain may never ease completely, I am impressed by the measure of joy and peace people are able to find above that pain. I pray this is so for you. May God bless you to this end.

Lots of love,

Sarah

TRUSTEES REPORT

We continue to fine tune our equipment and licensing needs for our streaming options. Many thanks to all those contributing to this new offering.

We're looking for individuals who would be interested in manning the Church office during Heather's vacations. If you've filled out a Time and Talent card saying as such, you should have heard from Bob Hilscher by now. If you'd like to throw your name in the hat, please reach out to Bob. (bob@bobhilscher.com or 770-330-1302) We're hoping to find 5-6 individuals who would be willing to be trained and fill-in. If we're successful in doing so, each person might be asked to spend 2-3 days per year filling in during business hours in the office.

Pledges continue to track ahead of plan and expenses are on track, leaving us about \$10k to the good after the first quarter.

DEACONS REPORT

On April 1, Easter Sunday, we welcomed ten new members into our church family: Jack and Marilyn Heise, Jacquie and Warren Price, Steve Marin, Lois and Wayne Glaser, Amy Wirtanen, Marian Woodsome, and Marion Coleman.

Jack and Marilyn Heise, originally from Glencoe, Illinois, have been summer residents of Ocean Point for years. Jack has been coming here since he was six months old, and his great-aunts were well-known at Ocean Point. Both retired now, Jack worked for Inland Steel Company, and Marilyn was a journalist and entrepreneur. They enjoy the Boothbay Region Land Trust, as well as Senior College and theater. They are parents to three children and five grandchildren.

Jacquie and Warren Price, originally from Brewster, Massachusetts, have had a summer cottage at Ovens Mouth since 1985. Warren is a retired airline pilot, and first came to Maine with the Navy, flying P2 Neptune at Brunswick Naval Air Station. Jacquie sang in the choir at their church on Cape Cod for 48 years and was the manager of a free clothing shop there. They have four children, and their fifth great-grandchild is due in September.

Steve Marin is a construction manager for Vision Builders. He has two sons, Jack, 20, and Alex, 16. Steve has a passion for aviation and music.

Lois and Wayne Glaser moved here last year from Colorado, though they spent most of their lives in Western New York. Wayne worked in IT Support, and Lois was in Veterinary Hospital Management. Lois's son and his family live in Bend, Oregon, while Wayne's daughter and her family are in Colorado. Lois's passion is photography, and Wayne is a singer/songwriter, and their work is available online. They enjoy hiking and kayaking, golf and skiing.

Amy Wirtanen has vacationed in the Boothbay region for several years and decided to make it permanent. She is in the process of selling her house in Connecticut and settling into her house on Back River. Amy is a marketing consultant, and spends most of her spare time with her three retrievers. She is looking forward to being an active member of the congregation and the community.

Marian Woodsome grew up in Western Massachusetts, lived on Cape Cod and graduated from Colby College in 1958. She and her husband, John, have three children, 13 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren, with another due in May. Marian is a retired music teacher, and her grand passion is music.

Marion Coleman came to Boothbay in 2016 from Austin, Texas, where she lived for forty years. She has a Ph.D. in Sociology, and worked in the private foundation program office of the University of Texas. She enjoys reading, walking around the Harbor, travel and movies. She has three children and three grandchildren.

MISSION REPORT

Please keep all involved in your prayers...

It is with great sadness that I am informing you of the FRPCA Board of Trustees decision to close the doors on the Daily Devotions operations effective with our February 28, 2018 broadcast. We have been on the air for more than 90 years, thanks to the generosity of News Center Maine and our loyal supporters. This has been a longer lifespan than practically any other broadcast, and certainly the longest religious broadcast, and we aspired to continue well into our 2nd century.

You are all aware of our ongoing struggle to stay afloat financially. Unfortunately, this has come to a head due to a rapidly changing environment resulting in 90% loss of our broadcast audience and a proportional loss of our supporting revenue base. We have branched out into modern media and have generated above average 'likes' and interest there. Unfortunately, we have been unsuccessful in monetizing that interest, and our inability to generate and sustain a steady stream of operating capital is forcing us to close our doors.

As sad as this is, there is much to celebrate in the longevity, ministry and mission of Daily Devotions. It has had such a positive impact in hundreds of individuals weekly and many millions over decades, including those of us who have had the privilege of serving on it's board. Today's world needs its message of God's all encompassing and redeeming love for all peoples.

*Gods Peace and Love to All,
John Ludwig
Vice President FRPCA*

P.S. (A note from Peter: I am grateful and thankful to God for this ministry, and to the ministers who filled this pulpit before me. I am grateful to God for our viewers, listeners, readers, and our givers. Thank you for your support all of these years. Mostly, I am grateful for having served the people of God in this ministry. May God bless each of you every day. Thank you. God is Love now and always. Sincerely, Rev. Peter Panagore, M. Div.)

P.P.S. (Should you wish to send a card to Rev. Peter you may, at, 8 Spruce Shores Road, East Boothbay, Maine 04544, or at pbpanagore@roadrunner.com, or by visiting PeterPanagore.love)

HOSPITALITY AND FELLOWSHIP

On becoming more hospitable.....

I met with members of the Deaconate last week, the purpose was to discuss the role and potential goals of the Hospitality and Fellowship Committee this year. While we did not come to a conclusion on adding any new events or reviving any former events, we did discuss extensively the important role of the Coffee and Fellowship Hour after worship.

It was decided that we can make better use of the space available by placing the large table in the center of the room. Also, to include in Coffee Hour setup, placing a round table with some folding chairs in the right hand side of the fellowship hall as you enter from the hallway. This gives folks an opportunity to get refreshments and have a seat if they wish. We can put a coffee carafe there as well. This can all be reconfigured when we see what works best.

Secondly, we would like to place another table in the corner next to the Sunday School where children can have their own space to enjoy Coffee Hour. If those hosting Coffee Hour that Sunday would like to have fun kid snacks available, that would be great!

I will be posting a revised Coffee Hour "TO DO" list in the kitchen. If anyone is new to hosting, a member of the hospitality committee will be glad to meet you in the kitchen the week before and show you around and go over the details.

-Susan Reynolds

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

I can't believe our Sunday School year is almost over!! Here are a few dates to remember.

MAY 6th~ Our last day of regular Sunday School. The Senior Sunday School members will be reciting all of the books of the Old Testament in order and will be earning tickets to a water park this summer!! Also, be on the look out for the sign up for the ice cream social on the 13th.

MAY 12th~ Saturday the 12th at 11:00 we will be meeting in the sanctuary to rehearse for Children's Sunday. After practice we will have end of the year pizza party!!

MAY 13th~ CHILDREN'S SUNDAY!! Following Children's Sunday we will host an ice cream social. Everyone is invited!!

Vacation Bible School is coming soon!

Dates: June 25th~ 29th

Our theme is Bible Detectives. We welcome all kiddos ages 4 through 6th grade!! Registration forms are available in the Sunday School room.

~Magen

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This 36 lesson course, our 24th, is taught by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson who teaches at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University. This month's schedule is listed below.

5/6 Lecture 17 Eastern Monks and the Hesychastic Tradition

5/13 Lecture 18 The Mysticism of Western Monasticism

5/20 Lecture 19 Medieval Female Mystics

5/27 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Each of the 36 classes is self-contained and does not require attending the previous class. An optional course guidebook is provided at our cost of around \$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

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP GROUP

SUNDAY, MAY 6th During Church you'll be sharing your wonderful stories and pictures from your mission trip! It will all tie in with Reverend Sarah Foulger's Sunday sermon. Please be sure to send Sarah your write ups and the pictures you'd like to share.

We can't wait to see the pictures that will bring your stories to life!



A colorful banner for Vacation Bible School. On the left, a cartoon girl in a green hat and purple skirt holds a magnifying glass over a circular logo. The logo contains the text 'BIBLE DETECTIVES' in green, a cartoon boy reading a book, and 'BOOTHBAY HARBOR MAINE' at the bottom. To the right of the logo, the text 'EVERYONE IS WELCOME' is in green, followed by 'VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL' in large purple letters with anchor icons on either side. Below this, the dates 'June 25-29th' and times '9-11am' are listed, along with the email 'congokids@gmail.com' and 'Ages 4-12'. At the bottom, it says 'If we have nice weather we will be outside. Please bring hats, sunscreen, sun glasses, and water.'

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 25-29th **9-11am**
congokids@gmail.com **Ages 4-12**

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Please bring hats, sunscreen, sun glasses, and water.



SAY CHEESE!

Photography for our new directory begins in June! We need **YOU** to make our directory complete. Our goal is to have everyone included for our most complete church directory ever! **PLUS** this is a great opportunity for an updated family photograph. Visit our scheduling website to sign up. <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ycp8r6ve/> Don't have a computer? Call or email Heather during church office hours and she will sign you up!

PHOTO SESSION SCHEDULE

Monday, June 11th from 2PM-9PM

Tuesday, June 12th from 2PM-9PM

Friday, June 22nd from 2PM-9PM

Saturday, June 23rd from 10AM-5PM

Lifetouch will photograph in the Chapel of the church. In your one-hour session you will:

- Be professionally photographed
- Immediately view your photos
- Be able to purchase photography packages and photography gifts (optional)

Families who participate will receive a free 8x10 photograph and directory!



Would you be willing to volunteer as a “host” during any of these sessions? We need volunteers to help register families as they arrive for their scheduled photo session. You may sign up for a 2 hour time slot on the sign-up board in Fellowship Hall or contact Heather during office hours.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

DONATION STATEMENT CHANGES

A new way to receive your
Donation Statements

The church sends you a *Donation Statement* in the U.S. Mail three times a year: May, October, and at year-end. Emailing these statements can save church resources. If you do not have a current email address on file with the office, please email congochurchbbh@outlook.com with the subject line “new email address.”

Thanks for cooperating!



Thank you to Bill Harvey for removing the piles of sand in the church parking lot. He hauled away 16 buckets! What a blessing you are to our church community.

FOOD MOBILE

The Good Shepherd Food Bank Food Mobile will be available to anyone in need of food assistance. Parking lot behind the church. Please bring your own bags and boxes.

TRUCK AVAILABLE 12 – 1 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 1ST

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH



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

BOOK & MEDITATION

**TUESDAYS
6:45 AM
CHURCH LIBRARY**

PILGRIM LODGE ONLINE REGISTRATION

IS NOW OPEN FOR 2018



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.

**MONDAY, MAY 14TH
8 AM AT MAMA D'S**

MEN'S

BREAKFAST

Women's
breakfast

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, May 6th or call Arlene Smith 633-2383.

Tuesday, May 8th-8 AM at Mama D's



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:45a Book & Meditation 12p Food Mobile 3p Addiction Support Group	2 10a Memory to Memoir Workshop 3p Confirmation Class 7p Bells Rehearsal	3 12p AA Meeting 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	4 12p Food Pantry	5 7:30a Confirmation Class Volunteer Day-Rebuilding Together
6 8:25a Adult Christian Education 10a Worship-Youth Worship Sunday	7	8 6:45a Book & Meditation 8a Women's Breakfast 12p Food Pantry Meeting 3p Addiction Support Group 5p Trustees Meeting 5:30p Committee Night 7p Bells Rehearsal	9 10a Memory to Memoir Workshop 11:30a Gregory Wing	10 12p AA Meeting 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	11 12p Food Pantry 3p Confirmation Class and Dinner	12
13 Mother's Day 8:25a Adult Christian Education 10a Worship-Children's Sunday 	14 8a Men's Breakfast 4:30p Food Pantry	15 6:45a Book & Meditation 3p Addiction Support Group 7p Bells Rehearsal	16 10a Memory to Memoir Workshop	17 12p AA Meeting 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	18 12p Food Pantry	19 11a Berry/Cavanuagh Wedding 12p Berry/Cavanuagh Reception
20 8:25a Adult Christian Education 10a Worship	21	22 6:45a Book & Meditation 3p Addiction Support Group 7p Bells Rehearsal	23 10a Memory to Memoir Workshop	24 12p AA Meeting 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	25 12p Food Pantry	26
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Warren Price	05/06
Richard Plunkett	05/07
Caleb Stover	05/07
Kenneth Dale	05/07
Anthony Angelico	05/10
Jamie Sprague	05/30
Joanne Annino	05/31

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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Are You Interested in Joining the Church? For more information, speak to Sarah Foulger or email her: sarahfoulger@gmail.com.



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**LIVE on our website or channel 1301
for Spectrum subscribers.**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE **SUNDAYS 10 AM**

- May 6** **Youth Mission Sunday** *“Jesus, the Vine”* Holy Communion
*5 youth will share their moving experience at Safe Passage in Guatemala:
Ashly Abbott, Faith & Glory Blethen, Evy Case, and Ellie Hilscher.*
- May 13** **Children’s Sunday/Mother’s Day** *“Jesus, The Mother Hen”*
- May 20** **Pentecost** *“Creation Groaning”*
- May 27** **Memorial Day Weekend** *“Healing PTSD”*