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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BOOTHBAY HARBOR NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

As a pastor, as a citizen of the United States, and as a human being I have to be honest with you. I am struggling with the line between pastoral and prophetic, the line between listening and speaking. While I sometimes wish I could stay out of what is happening in our country and just go out to the movies, my conscience will not allow me to be silent. From where I stand, the dark and dangerous forces of narcissism, greed, fear, and dishonesty are running amok. I pray that God will grant us wisdom, courage, and abiding hope for the living of these days. Also, I pray that God will help us all to know when to be pastoral and when to be prophetic, when to listen and when to speak.

I will offer a three-week course in active respectful reflective listening, an important spiritual discipline, on Wednesday afternoons in February (see article in this newsletter). My hope is that we will learn from each other as we actively listen to one another about matters of critical importance.

I share with you the Franciscan benediction I offered at the end of our January 29 worship service:

- ~May God bless you with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may seek truth boldly and love deep within your heart.
- ~May God bless you with holy and steadfast rejection of injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people.
- ~May God bless you with the gift of tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.
- ~May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you really can make a difference in this world, so that you are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.

Grace and peace,

Sarah

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

## HEIFER HOOTENANNY

The Sunday School would like to invite the congregation to the Heifer Hootenanny!! On February 12th after church. Please come down to Fellowship Hall and enjoy a pulled-pork lunch with coleslaw, cornbread, games and Hootenanny music. We want to celebrate all the hard work the kids have done this year raising money to help families in need through Heifer International but most of all we want to thank you, the congregation for your continued support this year.

**Calling all bakers!!** We are looking for members of the congregation who would like to bakes pies for our Heifer Hootenanny!! All pies are welcome. The more the better when it comes to pie!! There is a sign-up sheet on the board in Fellowship Hall.

Please contact Magen Chryplewicz with any questions.

#### YOUTH GROUP NEWS

#### **JUNIOR HIGHS**

**Saturday, February 11th:** Join us for a fun afternoon of SNOW TUBING at Seacoast Adventure in Windham followed by dinner at Pat's Pizza! We will meet at the church at 1:00PM and take a YMCA bus to and from our destination! Please bring appropriate winter attire so we can slide all afternoon!

#### **SENIOR HIGHS**

**Sunday, February 12th:** Come meet Tory and me at Mama D's for breakfast before church! Plan on meeting at Mama D's at 8:30AM and bring a friend if you'd like! We'd love to just sit, eat and chat with you all!

## SENIOR HIGHS GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP GROUP

**Sunday, February 12th:** Please join us directly after church for a meeting concerning our mission trip to Safe Passage. We will be discussing trip details and fundraising ideas! Please bring your thinking caps!

#### ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### **February 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 February is:

2/5	Lecture 5	Biblical Jerusalem's
•		Ancient Water Systems
2/12	Lecture 6	Samaria and the Northern
		Kingdom of Israel
2/19	Lecture 7	Fortifications and Cult
		Practices
2/26	Lecture 8	Babylonian Exile and the
		Persian Restoration

Each of the 36 classes is self-contained and does not require attending the previous class. A course guidebook is provided at our 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 JANUARY MEETING REPORT

- Most of our energy in January was focused on balancing the 2017 budget which was presented at the annual meeting 1/29/17.
- We welcome Wendy Wolf & Eric Hakanson as new Trustees.
- Hardscape work on the Memorial Garden continues. (See photo below)
- We're working on a policy for the Memorial Garden as well as ways to fund the next phase.
- We're continuing to work on Capital Campaign collections and closing the gap.



#### MISSIONS COMMITTEE NEWS

We Receive Thanks!

The Church organized three concerts last year, all designed to raise money for FABSIT (Friends of the American Board Schools in Turkey), which is providing medical services to refugees crossing into Turkey from Syria at the Gaziantep American Hospital. The total from the concerts, plus a donation from our own Mission Fund, raised \$5200 for the cause. Here is the thank-you note we received from FABSIT:

#### Dear Congregational Church Members:

Thank you for your contribution of \$5200 designated for the Gaziantep American Hospital. Gaziantep American Hospital was opened in 1879. It is currently one of the best healthcare centers in the area with its specialist doctors, and units in which all modern technological facilities are used. It serves all communities, including refugees who are escaping from the war zones.

GAH continues the tradition of excellence established by the American Board so many years ago, a tradition that is furthered by thoughtful contributions like yours. Your gift is as important as ever; in fact, we couldn't do it without you.

Fabsit Board of Directors and our colleagues in Turkey, are grateful for your enduring support and you our best wishes.

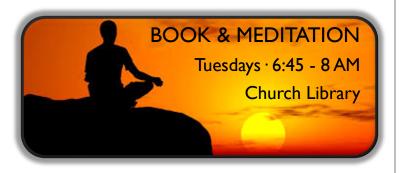
Sincerely,

Ismail Ekmekci President

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**



The next Women's breakfast will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 8 AM at Mama D's. Please sign up if you plan to attend. If you find that you are unable to attend, remove your name from the list by February 12th or call Arlene Smith 633-2383.



# COMMUNITY LUNCH

Our church will sponsor the February 2nd and March 2nd lunches at

St. Columba's Episcopal Church.

8 soups, 5 breads and 5 desserts are needed at each.

Please check the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall to see how you can help.
Thank you.





The Men's Breakfast will be at 8 a.m. on Monday, February 13th at Mama D's.

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Let's score a "touchdown" for the Boothbay Region Food Pantry

Volunteers will be accepting donations at the Boothbay Region Food Pantry on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5th from Noon to 2:00 PM. Drop in with your donations of non-perishable food and money gifts. One dollar from your pocket will buy four meals from the Good Shepherd Food Bank. Checks made payable to Boothbay Region Food Pantry.



The Good Shepherd Food Bank Food Mobile will be available to anyone in need of food assistance. The Food Mobile will be parked in the parking lot across from the Congregational Church of Boothbay Harbor. Please bring your own bags and boxes.

#### The Food Mobile will be here...

Thursday, February 2nd I-2 PM

Thursday, March 2nd 12-1:30 PM

Thursday, April 6th II AM-12:30 PM

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CONNECTING THREADS**

Love the quilt hanging in the stairwell? Looking for a gift for someone who has celebrated a major occasion (wedding, baptism, emotional moment) in the church? Want to help close the gap to pay the last bills on the church expansion.

Raffle tickets for a second quilt (just like the first one) are for sale. Tickets are \$10 each/3 for \$25; just make your check out to the church; help yourself to a ticket located on the table at the top of the church steps; and put both the ticket stub and the check in the fishbowl you will find there.

Just remember: All donations go to the church, which means that every ticket is a winner!



## Calling all Retired Teachers and Adult Seniors!

The church is looking for reliable, responsible adults to help with

child care on Committee Nights held the second Tuesday of each month for a couple of hours. Please call Heather at the church if you are interested.

#### A Course in Listening Wednesdays-February 1, 8, & 15

How do we effectively listen to one another in this time of deep division in the nation? Join Sarah Foulger for a 3-Week Course in Listening. Wednesdays, Feb. 1, 8, & 15 from 2:30-3:30 PM in the church library. We will practice the spiritual discipline of active and respectful reflective listening every week. Everyone is welcome. This is an opportunity to learn from one another. Sign up on the sign-up board.



### Graced & Grateful & Growing ... Continuing the Journey

One Day Congregational Retreat at Kieve Main Lodge May 13, 2017

In preparation for our congregational retreat, please come and share your hopes and ideas for the future of our congregation at one of the following Visioning Sessions:

Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> as part of Church Wide Committee Night at 5:30 PM Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> following worship at 11:30 AM

#### To prepare for the Visioning Sessions, please reflect upon the following questions:

- What is unique or distinctive about our congregation?
- Where do you see opportunities for growth or expansion in our church's current ministries or possibilities for new initiatives?
- What kinds of programs or events would encourage you to invite someone to come with you to our church?
- What have you seen or heard that other churches are doing that you would like our congregation to consider doing?
- Are you aware of specific needs in the community that our congregation could address?

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**



The Deacons send a greeting and message of caring to our college students and military each year. If you know someone who should be included, please get their address to Heather in the church office by February 17. If you would like to contribute toward the gift, please leave a check for Sheila made out to the church with Care Package in the memo line.



## 14TH ANNUAL TALENT SHOW & COMFORT FOOD DINNER

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH**

Not to be missed!

Sign up to participate and/or to bring a comfort food dish.

#### Talent Show starts at 4 PM

Dinner to follow

All donations will support the work of the Boothbay Region Community Resource Council (Community Navigator, Heating Assistance, Food for Thought, Set for Success, Woodchucks, Free Clothing Closet)



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				7:30p Choir Practice			
<b>5</b> Super Bowl	6	7	8	9	10	11	
8:25a Adult Ed Classes		6:45a Book & Meditation	11:30a Gregory Wing	12p AA Meeting	12p Food Pantry	1p Junior High Youth Group	
10a Worship		7a ARC (Addiction Resource	2:30p A Course in Listening	7:30p Choir Practice	,	Trip	
12p Souperbowl of Caring Collection-Food Pantry		Council)	7:30p Bells Practice				
5p Bible Study with David Eastwood							
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	
8:25a Adult Ed Classes	8a Men's Breakfast	6:45a Book & Meditation	2:30p A Course in Listening	12p AA Meeting	12p Food Pantry		
8:30a Senior High Youth	4:30p Food Pantry	7a ARC (Addiction Resource	5p Trustees Meeting	7:30p Choir Practice			
Group Breakfast		Council)	7:30p Bells Practice				
10a Worship		8a Women's Breakfast					
11a Heifer Hootenanny		12p Food Pantry Meeting	-				
11a Senior Highs Mission Trip Meeting		5:30p "Unofficial" Committee Night due to Valentine's Day					
5p Bible Study with David Eastwood							
19	<b>20</b> Presidents Day	21	22	23	24	25	
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#### **WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY**

Feb. 5	"Sackcloth or Service?"	Isaiah 58:1-12	Communion	
Feb. 12	"Saying No to Anger"	Matthew 5:21-37		
Feb. 19	"No Limit on Goodness"	Matthew 5:38-48	Family Sunday-Child Care but No Sunday School	
Feb. 26	Transfiguration	Guest Minister ~ Ken Bradsell		

#### **Are You Interested in Joining the Church?**

A new member class will take place in the church library on Thursday evening, February 9th at 6:30 with new members joining on Sunday, February 19th during worship. For more information, speak to Sarah Foulger or email her: sarahfoulger@gmail.com.