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Dear Friends,

You are amazing. Every day I am reminded how wonderful you are. Three specific recent examples:

1. When we had our unexpected fire drill during worship at the end of March, you exited the building with calm, grace, and humor, thoughtfully helping each other throughout the, thankfully, short-lived episode.
2. During our April committee night, there seemed to be a fountain of enthusiasm in each room as the energy in each committee meeting bubbled over into exciting ideas and plans.
3. When my mother suddenly became very ill at the beginning of Holy Week, several of you stepped up and visited church members for me so that I could spend more time with her.

I feel so blessed by each of you and by all of you. Thank you for being the congregation you are, blessed by God with intelligence, imagination, courage, and love in Christ.

Gratefully,  
Sarah Foulger

## DEACONS REPORT

The Deacons are very happy to announce that Brian Donovan will be graduating from Divinity School on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Boston University Chapel. After graduation, he will have a few more requirements to fulfill before he can be ordained, but this is a huge milestone on his journey. Please join the Deacons in congratulating him for his wonderful achievement!

The Deacons have been exploring ways to get communion elements to some of the people who live-stream the service but are not able to attend church in person. This would enable them to physically participate with the congregation in communion on the first Sunday of every month. We are hoping to do a trial run in the next month or two – stay tuned.

## MISSIONS NEWS



March 27, 2019

Dear Sarah and Friends,

Every time we turn around, you have helped us in yet another way! Thank you for your recent missions donation of \$2,000.00. We have a big family to feed and can do that, thanks to you.

It has been a particularly busy few months at the Pantry. With many local businesses still shuttered, it is an especially difficult time of the year for families. Last year we served 232 separate peninsula families, comprised of 530 family members. The need is great.

Thank you again for helping the Pantry and for supporting our local families.

Sincerely,

Jane C. Lunt

Member, Food Pantry Directors

## TRUSTEES REPORT

At their meeting in April, the Trustees spent some time discussing future needs for the church building. With the success and popularity of the live church service, streamed over our local tv station, the audio/video crew needs added space. Currently described as the a/v closet, there is limited space making the job of our a/v team more difficult than it needs to be. Plans are underway to ask our architects to design a way to increase this space, an expansion needed now and in the future to accommodate added equipment and people. Building and grounds trustees, Jon Dunsford and Tom Blake will conduct an assessment of any needed repairs, painting or other issues after the winter has taken its toll. Erosion has been noted near the stone steps in the Memorial Garden, and this will be repaired soon. Soon we will all be enjoying the garden as it bursts into bloom!

For the Trustees,  
Sandra Leonard

## ADULT EDUCATION

### **Confucius, Buddha, Jesus, and Muhammad**

A 36 lesson course taught by Dr. Mark W. Muesse, Chair of Religious Studies at Rhodes College, leads us in exploring the lives, times, and impact of four of the most influential persons in history. The course will be facilitated by Betty and Ted Repa and begins with a ½ hour cd lecture followed by a ½ hour guided discussion. An optional course guidebook and transcript is available for purchase of \$20. We meet Sunday mornings in the library from 8:25 to 9:25 AM.

#### **MAY SCHEDULE**

|      |            |                     |
|------|------------|---------------------|
| 5/5  | Lecture 19 | The Son of Mary     |
| 5/12 | Lecture 20 | The First 30 Years  |
| 5/19 | Lecture 21 | The Kingdom of God  |
| 5/26 | Lecture 22 | Back to the Future  |
| 6/2  | Lecture 23 | Jesus's Christology |

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who helped out during our Sunday School Easter celebration! We had a wonderful time during our Easter Egg hunt and we appreciate all your yummy candy donations!!

The Sunday School is wrapping up our year! We are preparing for Children's Sunday on May 12th with our annual Ice Cream Social to follow!! We will be practicing during Sunday School on the 5th and will have a full run through on Saturday the 11th.

Senior Sunday School, you will be the Church Greeters one more time this year on May 5th.

If you have any questions please let me know!!

~Magen

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 24-28

9-11 AM

Register in person or online at  
[www.congochurchbbh.org/  
sundayschool](http://www.congochurchbbh.org/sundayschool)



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Hello friends,

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> was a thankfully warm morning. This served the Youth Group well as a few individuals took it upon themselves to engage in our first Community Spring Clean-Up. Although we were only able to cover the area from the church to Hannaford, our enthusiastic youth participants were able to remove five full bags of disposable debris and recyclables from our beautiful town's roads. We hope to engage in additional clean ups with more volunteers in the next month. Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> we assisted the Sunday School with egg dyeing and stuffing the Easter eggs for the Annual Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt.

While we would love to see more youth members participate in these activities, I am proud of those who continue to dedicate their time and effort to the betterment of their community and themselves.

This month we are planning another trip to Brunswick to present a check to the Coastal Humane Society on May 5th, we will leave the church around 11:30 AM. Our last meeting of the year will be May 19th with a BBQ at Pastor Sarah's house at 4 PM. FMI email me at [roosevelt.s.bishop@gmail.com](mailto:roosevelt.s.bishop@gmail.com)

Stay Happy and Healthy!  
Roosevelt "Robo" Bishop

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Community LUNCH At St. Columba's

Thank you to all those who helped and for your hard work and commitment in making the lunches such a success. We look forward to next year.

We served 1,154 people and received \$2,548.16 in donations for the Food Pantry. This project continues to be successful and worthwhile and is a great resource, both for food and socialization, in the community.

### Did you know?

*Our television and internet Sunday morning viewers really enjoy seeing and recognizing their friends in the pews each Sunday. It makes them feel even more connected to the service. However, for them to see you, it really helps if you sit toward the front of the sanctuary. If you are comfortable, please sit toward the front and enrich the service for our viewers at home. Thank you!*



Dear Snow Birds,  
(and all other wonderful friends and members of the congregation who will soon come back to us from "Away")

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

As you get ready to return home to Boothbay Harbor, we ask that you consider bringing back with you contributions from your jewelry box. Any sort of jewelry is helpful - whether it is aged, new, or well used. If you have something really special we might have a raffle for your piece.

FMI contact Alice Mutch  
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### Walk to Build! Spring Walk Fundraiser Sunday, May 5, 2019 @ 2 PM

St. John the Baptist Church Community Center  
39 Pleasant Street, Brunswick

Registration Forms are located on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or register online at [www.habitat7rivers.org](http://www.habitat7rivers.org)



## How to Help the Humanitarian Need on our Southern Border

**Mission Committee Breakfast Fundraiser**

**Sunday, May 5th**

**8:00 – 10:00 AM**

**Fellowship Hall**

**All money donated will support the Samaritans Project of the  
UCC Church of the Good Shepherd in Sahuarita, AZ**



Photo by John Moore/Getty Images

“Los Samaritanos” (the Samaritans) is a healing presence along the USA/Mexican border helping migrants in need of food, medicine, basic toiletries, and clothing. Green Valley-Samaritans is an all-volunteer faith and conscience-based organization started in 2005. The Church of the Good Shepherd, UCC in Sahuarita, AZ is a partner/participant in this work.

The group has an ongoing need for financial support to buy water, clothing (socks to protect tired feet), food packets, and fuel for the organization’s trucks that go into the desert in

search of migrants. Toiletries for adults and their children are also in high need.

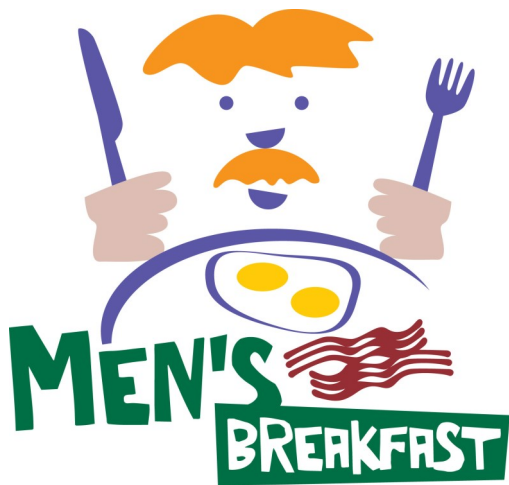
Our Mission Committee has been in conversation with The Church of the Good Shepherd and believes a partnership with the congregation is a humanitarian ministry our congregation can support to provide relief to those along our southern border who need it most critically.

Already, the Mission Committee has authorized a \$1000 contribution that will be forwarded to the church. We wish to help in two more ways: We will make a basket available and ask your contributions for toiletries and white socks (new please, in all sizes).

We have scheduled a **Mission Committee breakfast on May 5 (8:00 – 10:00 AM in the Church Fellowship Hall)**. We ask that you come with a hearty appetite and a good-will offering. All funds collected will go to the work of the Green Valley-Samaritans through The Church of the Good Shepherd, UCC. Please make checks out to the Congregational Church of BBH; in the memo write: “Samaritan Project.”

Thank you! We are all pilgrims on life’s journey!

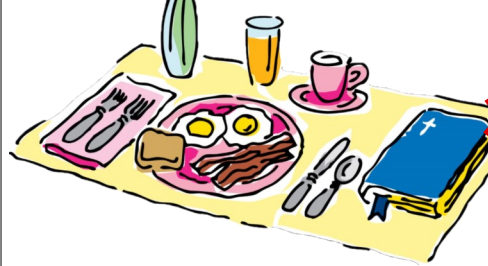
## UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



**MONDAY, MAY 13TH  
8 AM AT MAMA D'S**

## WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

**Tuesday, MAY 14TH  
8 AM At Mama D's**



**Last  
breakfast  
of the  
season!**

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 12th or call Arlene Smith 633-2383.



## Quarterly Donation Statements

**Donation Statements** for the first four months of the year will be sent *via email* in May. If you do not have an email on file with the church office, your statement will be sent to your USPS mailing address. If you have questions or special requests, please contact Kathleen Humphrey at [bookkeeper-congochurchbbh@outlook.com](mailto:bookkeeper-congochurchbbh@outlook.com) or call the church office on Monday or Thursday.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



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](http://www.congochurchbbh.org/signupcentral).

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**



**Saturday,  
May 4th  
8 AM  
Doughnuts  
& Coffee**

We need volunteers to help wash windows, remove scuff marks from walls and doors, deep clean kitchen, dust woodwork, etc. Join us for doughnuts and coffee, hosted by the trustees, before we start the work day!

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri                                     | Sat   |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|
|    |  |  | <b>1</b><br><b>10am</b> From Memory to Memoir Workshop                                | <b>2</b><br><b>12pm</b> AA Meeting<br><b>7:30pm</b> Choir Rehearsal                                     | <b>3</b><br><b>11:30am</b> Food Pantry  | <b>4</b><br><b>8am</b> All Church Spring Clean Up with Doughnuts  |
| <b>5</b> Cinco De Mayo<br><b>8am</b> Mission Committee Breakfast Fundraiser<br><b>8:25am</b> Adult Christian Education<br><b>10am</b> Worship<br><b>11:30am</b> Youth Groups deliver check to Animal Shelter | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b><br><b>6:45am</b> Book & Meditation<br><b>7:15pm</b> Bells Rehearsal   | <b>8</b><br><b>10am</b> From Memory to Memoir Workshop<br><b>11:30am</b> Gregory Wing | <b>9</b><br><b>12pm</b> AA Meeting<br><b>7:30pm</b> Choir Rehearsal                                     | <b>10</b><br><b>11:30am</b> Food Pantry | <b>11</b><br><b>2pm</b> Pete Mundy Service w/ Reception to Follow |
| <b>12</b> Mother's Day<br><b>8:25am</b> Adult Christian Education<br><b>10am</b> Worship<br>Mother's Day/ Children's Sunday<br>Ice cream Social following worship  | <b>13</b><br><b>8am</b> Men's Breakfast<br><b>4:30pm</b> Food Pantry | <b>14</b><br><b>6:45am</b> Book & Meditation<br><b>8am</b> Women's Breakfast<br><b>12pm</b> Food Pantry Meeting<br><b>5pm</b> Trustees Meeting<br><b>5:30pm</b> Committee Night<br><b>7:15pm</b> Bells Rehearsal | <b>15</b><br><b>10am</b> From Memory to Memoir Workshop                               | <b>16</b><br><b>10am</b> Befrienders Meeting<br><b>12pm</b> AA Meeting<br><b>7:30pm</b> Choir Rehearsal | <b>17</b><br><b>11:30am</b> Food Pantry | <b>18</b> Armed Forces Day  |
| <b>19</b><br><b>8:25am</b> Adult Christian Education<br><b>10am</b> Worship<br><b>4pm</b> Youth Group BBQ at Sarah's   | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b><br><b>6:45am</b> Book & Meditation<br><b>7:15pm</b> Bells Rehearsal  | <b>22</b><br><b>10am</b> From Memory to Memoir Workshop                               | <b>23</b><br><b>12pm</b> AA Meeting<br><b>7:30pm</b> Choir Rehearsal                                    | <b>24</b><br><b>11:30am</b> Food Pantry | <b>25</b>   |
| <b>26</b><br><b>8:25am</b> Adult Christian Education<br><b>10am</b> Worship  | <b>27</b> Memorial Day<br><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>                       | <b>28</b><br><b>6:45am</b> Book & Meditation<br><b>7:15pm</b> Bells Rehearsal  | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b><br><b>12pm</b> AA Meeting<br><b>7:30pm</b> Choir Rehearsal                                    | <b>31</b><br><b>11:30am</b> Food Pantry |   |



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## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE** **SUNDAYS 10 AM**

- May 5      **Communion**  
              *"The Day God Stopped in His Tracks"*
- May 12     **Children's Sunday/Mother's Day**  
              *"Motherhood and the Spirit of God"*
- May 19     **Guest Minister: Ken Dale**
- May 26     **Memorial Day Weekend**  
              *"The Peace of Christ"*  
              John 14:25-31

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