



Pleasant Street United Methodist Church

Church Alive!

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Prayer Shawl Ministry



Prayer shawls are available in the office for anyone who would like a reminder they are being prayed for. Each shawl has passed through our praying hands and been blessed by our loving hearts. If you would like a prayer shawl to give to someone or for yourself, please contact the Church Office.

Our Inclusiveness Statement

Everyone is welcome at Pleasant Street United Methodist Church (PSUMC), regardless of race, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, political affiliation or any of the myriad ways we categorize and divide ourselves. What matters most to us, and what unites us as a vibrant, compassionate community of faith, is the assurance that we are all beloved children of God and of sacred worth to our Creator.

Pleasant Street United Methodist Church is a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network of The United Methodist Church. We encourage people to continue to engage the topics of homosexuality and diversity by hosting studies, speakers, and other events that provide opportunities for conversation, learning, welcoming and growth.



Our Mission Statement

We are Christian disciples called together by God to unite our hearts, hopes and talents for the benefit of all God's creation. Guided by the Spirit of Christ, we strive to express our faith through Spirit-filled worship, service and hospitality.

Greening Our Faith

Submitted by Grenda Banton



In a world that needs kindness and delight, Positively Green Cards delivers both, responsibly. These greeting cards are made from recycled material, printed

with soy ink, and manufactured using green power. The company also donates 10% of their profits to organizations that care for the environment. **Make someone—and earth—happy!**

Corporate and governmental practices that despoil the land or water affect people of color to a far greater degree than richer and whiter communities. Martin Luther King, Jr. stood against racism, including environmental racism. **Honor King's legacy by working for justice**, especially on behalf of people of color and indigenous tribes.

Could you be a "reducetarian"? You may know the high costs meat, eggs, and dairy inflict on the planet, the animals, and water, but going vegetarian or vegan is not for you or your family. There is, as John Wesley would say, a "Third Way." **Reducing the amount of animal products in your diet** by just 10% makes a difference, and if just 25% of Americans did so, the impact would be enormously helpful. Find out more at <https://www.treehugger.com/how-be-reducetarian-4854921>.

Go thrifty; save the earth! When you **purchase clothing from a thrift or second-hand store**, your choice uses fewer resources, generates fewer emissions and less waste, gives other people work, extends the life of the garment, and keeps textiles out of the landfill.

Cook pasta in its sauce and about ½ cup of water or broth. This small change is projected to save some six billion gallons of water a year that would otherwise be thrown out. Your community may be spared, but our neighbors across the country and around the world are dealing with drought. Conserving water is a baseline action of caring for all.

You already know Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. You may even have added Refuse, Repair, and Rot (compost) to the list. Here's one more: Remember! **First, remember who you are and Whose you**

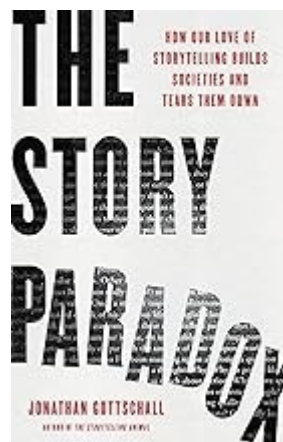
are! When you focus on God's call to you to care for creation and justice, it's easier to remember to do the other R's.

John Wesley's Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will,
place me with whom you will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be put to work for you
or set aside for you,
Praised for you or criticized for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and fully surrender all things
to your glory and service.
And now, O wonderful and holy God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
you are mine, and I am yours.
So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

Taken from umcreationjustice.org

The Saturday Book Discussion Group Starts A New Book



The Saturday Book Discussion Group started a new book "*The Story Paradox: How Our Love of Storytelling Builds Societies and Tears Them Down*" by Jonathan Gottschall. We meet Saturdays from 9 am until 11 am via Zoom. Newcomers are welcome.

For more information and to get the Zoom link, please contact Sandy Kostron at

(207) 616-0720 or rskostron@gmail.com.

Church Council Minutes From January 2, 2024 Meeting

By Grenda Banton



Dan Beaulieu reported that the pledges that have been received equal last year's total and may surpass it if more pledges come in. Because the Finance Committee's meeting was postponed because of weather, the budget was not ready

for this council meeting. It was moved, seconded and approved to give permission for bills to be paid until the budget can be approved at our next meeting.

Sandy Kostron reported that the food bank didn't lose much food after the loss of electricity for several days with the storm. The freezers were full, no one opened them and the food stayed frozen.

Jeff Earickson explained what happened during the Christmas Eve service: "When the power went out, the Seacoast security system went on battery mode -- which ran down. When the power came back on Thursday, the battery charged back up BUT the system had lost its notion of the correct time of day. The system turns on the alarm at 11 PM. Since its time was wrong, it turned on during the service. Fortunately, I had the code to disarm it and shut it up. The alarm time has now been fixed.

The sprinkler system is "dry" meaning the pipes are filled with compressed air and not water. A compressor keeps the air pressure up and the water out of the pipes. During the power outage the compressor wasn't working, the pressure dropped and water filled the pipes. Since the fire alarm system had no power either, the fire dept wasn't notified, and nothing really happened until the power came back on Thursday night. We called Eastern Fire and they came after the power came back on to get the sprinklers working again. Got it fixed, we thought.

However, several of us noticed that the compressor seemed to run a lot after the fix. I suspected a small leak in the system. The leak was not small. In fact Chelsey Oliver had grabbed me before the service to report a hissing sound near the Food Bank front entrance -- compressed air escaping. She showed me where and I heard it too. Bless her. She saved us a lot of time later on Christmas Eve.

So... The air pressure in the sprinkler system dropped to zero, the pipes filled with water, notified the fire control panel, the fire alarm went off, fire trucks rolled, etc. After the parishioners left, Don Marden and I talked with the Fire Captain. Don called Eastern Fire and their guy Tyler arrived at about 8 PM. He drained the pipes again, started the compressor, and we went looking for the leak. Chelsey's tip got us to the fellowship hall where we found big puddles of water on the floor and water dripping from the ceiling. Tyler climbed into the fellowship hall attic (entrance above dishwasher), found the leak, and patched it. He also took some pictures of the pipe/patch and the wet insulation in the ceiling, which I have. The fellowship water got mopped up by Don's son, and we all got out of there by 9 PM.

I did a walkabout of the building on Christmas looking for puddles and problems. None found. The fellowship hall ceiling near the big closet may need a bit of work. The four foot section of steel pipe where the hole is will probably need replacing."

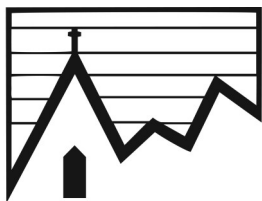
Carol Crothers let us know that on Dec. 21, 2023, Pastor David Arruda, Conference Disaster Response Coordinator, shared a letter of critical need with the districts throughout the New England UM Conference. Throughout our NEAC, five states are still cleaning up from devastating floods and damage and three states are in "long term recovery".

Pastor Arruda is urging every church in the Conference to make and store as many of the following kits as possible, with a minimum request that each church always have 6 Cleaning buckets, 25 Hygiene kits, and 20 Menstrual hygiene kits on hand.

In that light and in the face of such need, Carol and Ron White would like to begin the effort to gather funds to buy and resource as many of the kits as we can before Easter 2024. The council approved this plan and thanks Carol and Ron for taking on this project. Carol hopes that the small hygiene and menstrual hygiene kits, which are packed in a gallon zip lock bag, can be stored in the office and the cleaning buckets can be stored in the basement.

News From The Finance Committee

By Dan Beaulieu, Finance Committee Chair



Pleasant Street United Methodist Church Contributes 100% of our Mission Shares!

It is with great pride that we are able to report that we have paid 100% of our mission shares for 2023! Despite all of the challenges we faced this year we were still able to contribute the nearly \$30,000 for mission shares.

This is a very big deal and something that every member of our generous church family should be very proud of.

On other good news our Stewardship campaign pledge amount has exceeded last year's, Not by much, but we did a little better which is good when you consider that due to attrition and other factors there were fewer people pledging than in the past. Our people are good, and they are generous when it comes to funding the work of Our Lord.

But let's not get too comfortable as we face the

challenges of keeping up an older building. As we all know, our Church is more than a Church building, it is an integral part of our mission. Our Church serves as a tool for outreach, a clean, well-lit, safe place where organizations can meet for free to share their missions of grace with the community. This was the promise we made to God so many years ago when we built the fellowship hall. A promise we intend to keep into the foreseeable future.

Maintaining our building costs money, and the Trustees are faced constantly with challenges of upkeep and maintenance, from heating oil to updating systems. It all costs money, which sometimes makes the budget a little tight. But in the end we always find a way and we will continue; with God's help and your generosity we will prevail.

So once again thank all of you for your generosity.

God Bless you all.

Your finance committee,
Stewart, Connie and Dan

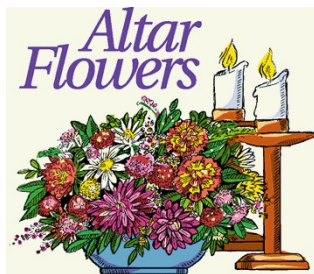
In Memory Or In Honor Of Those Special In Your Life

Would you like to have flowers placed on the altar in memory or in honor of someone special in your life? The 2024 Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board in the entryway.

Reserve a Sunday by signing the chart or by calling a member of the Altar Guild: Sarah Chavis (453-9919), Ann Norsworthy (873-0393) or the church office (872-7564).

Flowers that are being delivered by a florist should arrive at church by 1:00 pm Thursday. If you are bringing the flowers to worship, please place them on the altar by 7:45 am for the 8:00 service and 9:15 am for the 9:30 service.

Altar flower remembrances are named in the



worship bulletin, so please indicate if the flowers will be placed during both services or just one. Flowers are to be picked up after the service or, if you request, to be delivered to a shut-in.

An attractive arrangement of wheat can be used as an alternative choice instead of purchasing flowers for the altar. The money that would have paid for the flowers is donated to an United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Advance project of the donor's choosing. The donation can be made through the church office. A notice will still appear in the bulletin with the information on the person or occasion being honored, the donor and the particular Advance project receiving the donation [the amount will not be disclosed].

Pleasant Street United Methodist Church Is Fulfilling Needs

By Carol Crothers, District Lay Leader



On Dec. 21, 2023, Pastor David Arruda, Conference Disaster Response Coordinator, shared a letter of critical need with the districts of the New England UM Conference. Throughout our NEAC, five states are still cleaning up from devastating floods and damage and three states are in “long term recovery”.

Pastor Arruda is urging every church in the Conference to house, store, and maintain as many of the following kits as possible, with a minimum request that each church always have 6 Cleaning buckets (\$75/kit), 25 Hygiene kits (\$12/kit), and 20 Menstrual hygiene kits (\$24/kit) on hand.

In that light and in the face of such need, Carol Crothers and Ron White, with the approval of the Church Council, are spearheading the effort to **gather funds** to buy, resource, and create as many of the kits as we can before Easter 2024. This will be a yearly project for us to always have 6 Cleaning buckets, 25 Hygiene kits, and 20 Menstrual kits on hand. Any buckets or kits over this amount will be sent to a central housing facility for our Many Waters District.

To give toward this ever growing need, please write your checks or designate your monetary contributions to: **Conference Disaster Response**.

We are creating a bulletin board outside fellowship hall to keep you up to date on the number of buckets and kits that your donations have created.

If you would like to join Ron and Carol in organizing this effort, please reach out to them.

Carol Crothers, ccrothers@msad49.org OR ccrothers77@gmail.com

Ron White, 2rwhite39@gmail.com

Be a cheerful giver

“Seek joy in what you give
not in what you get.”

Anonymous



Looking For Pictures Of Events, Volunteers Working, Etc. That Happened In 2023

By Sheila Bacon

I’ve tried to take photos throughout the year to document what is being done at Pleasant Street United Methodist Church. However, I know that I missed some photo opportunities. Thus, if anyone has pictures of events, volunteers working, Christmas Eve service, Sunday School Pageant, Sunday school/youth projects and life in general in the church, would you please email these photos to sabacon@roadrunner.com.

My hope is to decorate the “Holiday Fair” tree with photos reflecting church life, both behind the scenes and events that are open to the public. If there are

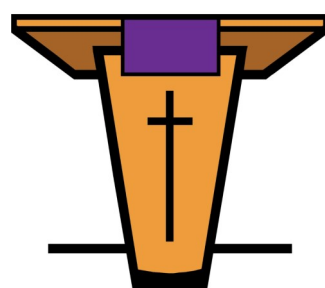


pictures of children, I’ll get permission from the parents before putting them on the tree. These pictures will also go into a notebook entitled 2023 which will be stored in the church vault, along with previous years’ notebooks. My hope is that at different times of the year, different notebooks can be put out so that during fellowship or before or after church services, people can take a look at these notebooks. I find these notebooks, which also include newspaper clippings, fascinating. Seeing photos of individuals who have been long time members to reading newspaper articles about what happened in any given year provide a wealth of history.



**At this time,
we know of
these people who
will celebrate their
birthdays
in February**

- 1 Lisa Moore
- 4 Norma McCaslin
- 4 Grace Reed
- 5 Caroline Robe
- 9 Kenneth Vigue
- 10 Megan Hopper
- 13 Norma Julia
- 20 Ann Bates
- 21 Lucas Bayne
- 25 Amy Irish
- 26 Nathaniel Banton
- 27 Jessica Wilson



February Worship Plans Including Lent

- **Feb. 4: 5th Sunday after the Epiphany
(Communion Sunday)**
Mark 1:29-39
Sermon: *"By All Possible Means"*
- **Feb. 11: Transfiguration Sunday (Scouting Sunday)**
2 Kings 2:1-12; Mark 9:2-9
Sermon: *"Listening to Jesus"*
(Pastor Elizabeth's Call Story)

**Lent Theme: Entering the Passion of Jesus:
Picturing Ourselves in the Story**

- **Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday** (6:30 pm in the Chapel)
Psalm 51
Reflection: *"Create a Clean Heart For Me, O God"*
- **Feb. 18: 1st Sunday in Lent**
Matthew 21:7-9
Sermon: *"The Parade: Risking Reputation"*
- **Feb. 25: 2nd Sunday in Lent**
Mark 11:15-17
Sermon: *"The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger"*

2024 Bishop Peggy A. Johnson's Day On The Many Waters District

Please Join Us...Bishop Peggy A. Johnson and members of the General/Jurisdictional Conference Delegations will visit each district to share information as we begin this important year for our church. Lay and clergy are urged to attend to learn about proposed plans for the New England Conference and for the denomination. The General/Jurisdictional Conference delegation will offer its report.

The Bishop will meet with the **Many Waters District on March 16, 1:00 - 3:00 pm via Zoom OR in-person at the Brunswick UMC** (320 Church Rd, Brunswick) followed by a light reception. [Bishop Johnson will meet in-person with anyone who is interested in exploring lay or clergy ministry at 11:00 am.] Those attending are encouraged to read [*Being United Methodist Christians: Living a Life of Grace and Hope*](#) by Ann Langford.

Please register in advance so we may plan accordingly. Contact: Lori Umberhind, Regional Administrator Many Waters District. Email: ka-mwoffice@neumc.org



February, 2024

Jesus sent his twelve harvest hands out with this charge: "Don't begin by traveling to some far-off place to convert unbelievers. And don't try to be dramatic by tackling some public enemy. Go to the lost, confused people right here in the neighborhood. Tell them that the kingdom is here. Bring health to the sick. Raise the dead. Touch the untouchables. Kick out the demons. You have been treated generously, so live generously." -Matthew 10:5-8 The Message

Greetings, sisters and brothers in Christ!

Our church is planted here, in this neighborhood, to do the transformative, healing work that Jesus sends us into the neighborhood to do. Joyously showing the neighborhood the multitude of ways that God is with us, and God's love is changing people's lives.

This passage in the Gospel of Matthew reminds us to not try to bite off more than we can manage, traveling far outside the neighborhood to do God's work. But the beauty of John Wesley's vision (founder of the Methodist church) is that we are now a global church, and we have found ways to support mission work around the world. Our local church supports mission work here in New England, and globally. Our local church also supports the ministries of our New England Conference, helping one another through our Methodist connection. This local and global missional connection is financially supported by each local church in our Conference through what we call "Mission Shares."

I understand that the portion PSUMC pays into this important missional connection in ministry has not always been paid in full. And we do know that COVID complicated our best efforts to meet fiscal ministry needs, these past few years.

Are you ready now for the Good News?! (Yes, Jesus Christ Is Risen, but we're talking about more good news!) I am delighted to celebrate with you that Pleasant Street United Methodist Church has paid their Mission Shares for 2023 in full! This is the second year in a row that you have accomplished this commitment, praise the Lord! When we support our Methodist connection, miracles happen, my friends. The sick are healed. The dead are raised. The untouchables are touched and loved. The demons are banished. And all God's children live in the joy of the generosity of God's love working in us and through us!

Who benefits from our Mission Share generosity, and the generosity of all the churches in our Conference? To mention just a few: here in Maine, the United Methodist Economic Mission, in Salem, benefits. UMEM serves an economically challenged area in the western region of our state. Globally, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is often first at the scene of a natural disaster (tornadoes, floods, forest fires, earthquakes, etc.) to assist in recovery efforts. And in our New England Conference, our Ministerial Mission Share supports the work of our Bishop and Cabinet as they serve and support the work of the local churches.

Let's celebrate our Mission Share success, and be equally generous in 2024! We have, indeed, been treated generously, and so, we live generously! Thanks be to God!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Elizabeth

Scholarships Available For Methodist Students



The United Methodist Higher Education Foundation (UMHEF) welcomes scholarship applications for the 2024-2025 academic year from now through March 1, 2024. Every year,

UMHEF awards \$2+ million to nearly 1,000 students planning to attend a United Methodist –related institution of higher education!

Applications are open to students who are members of either The United Methodist Church, the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the AME Zion Church, or the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. Additional eligibility requirements may apply. If a student's church has disaffiliated from The UMC, the student should contact UMHEF to discuss options to apply.

UMHEF's two main programs are [General Named Endowed \(GNE\) Scholarships](#) and the [United Methodist Dollars for Scholars \(UMDFS\) program](#). The GNE application is a traditionally competitive scholarship that considers leadership, GPA, and financial need. With one application, students are considered for over 100 different endowments. Select awards are also available to those attending [Historically Black Colleges and Universities](#) as well as [other](#) ethically diverse students.

The UMDFS program is the foundation's most popular scholarship program. It starts with a \$1,000 scholarship from a student's church (more than one church may combine funds). If selected, this scholarship is matched by UMHEF to total \$2,000. Participating UM-related schools and UM conference foundations may, depending on available funds, each match the initial scholarship to total up to \$4,000.

Applications are open now through March 1, 2024 at <https://www.umhef.org/>.

Questions?

Contact us at (800) 811-8110 or email at umhefscholarships@umhef.org.



Let's Spread The Kindness

Submitted by Grenda Banton

*"Shall we make a new rule of life from tonight:
always try to be a little kinder than is necessary."*

Sir James M. Barrie
Author of Peter Pan

- Recycle your coffee grounds. Keep an empty coffee can in your kitchen to collect the grounds after brewing. You can either deposit them in your compost or fertilize your garden.
- Donate to the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee. Elephants come from all over the world to rest at this sanctuary. By visiting the website at www.elephants.com you can even watch them on the live webcam.
- Empower women around the world. Donate to the Women's Learning Partnership. This organization helps women in developing countries network and gain the leadership skills they need to transform themselves, their families and their societies. Visit www.learningpartnership.org to see how you can help.

Wanting To Downsize, Declutter Or Organize?

By Linda Madson

Starting in March, the church will be offering assistance for taming the clutter in your office, spare room, garage etc.. This service is only available to church members. More information and scheduling may be arranged by contacting Linda Madson at (319) 310-4887. Donations are encouraged as financially feasible to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund or other ministry of the church.





NEW Wednesday Evening Study Begins February 21

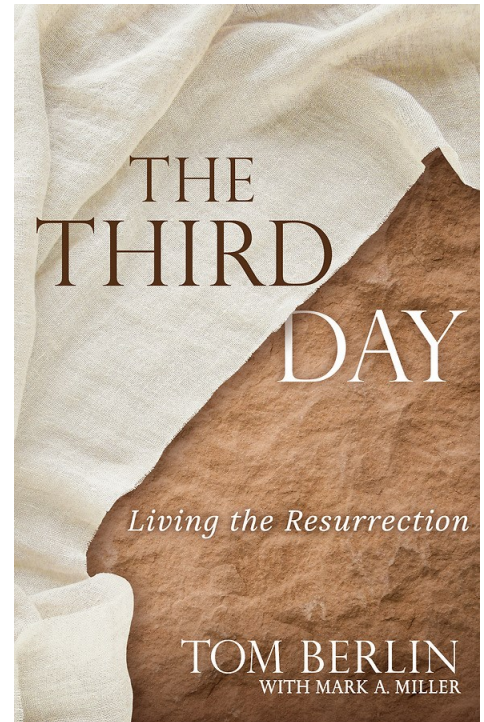
We're beginning a new study on Wednesdays for Lent. Pastor Elizabeth is leading this study using the book *"The Third Day: Living the Resurrection"*. This 6-week study begins

on **Wednesday, February 21 through March 27 at 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the parlor**. You can sign-up and receive a copy of the book before and after worship services on Sundays, February 4 & 11. Please contact the church office at (207) 872-7564 or psumc@pleasantstreetumc.com if you have any questions. The cost of the book is \$13.49. There are free books for those who need one. Plan to read the Introduction and Chapter 1 *"Mary Magdalene"* before the first class on February 21st.

From Cokesbury:

In *The Third Day: Living the Resurrection*, Tom Berlin uses his gifts of storytelling and understanding the Scriptures to connect the reader to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss.

Join Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas as they feel the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection. This study traces events around these characters, along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transforms their lives.



**February 14
6:30 pm
in the Chapel**



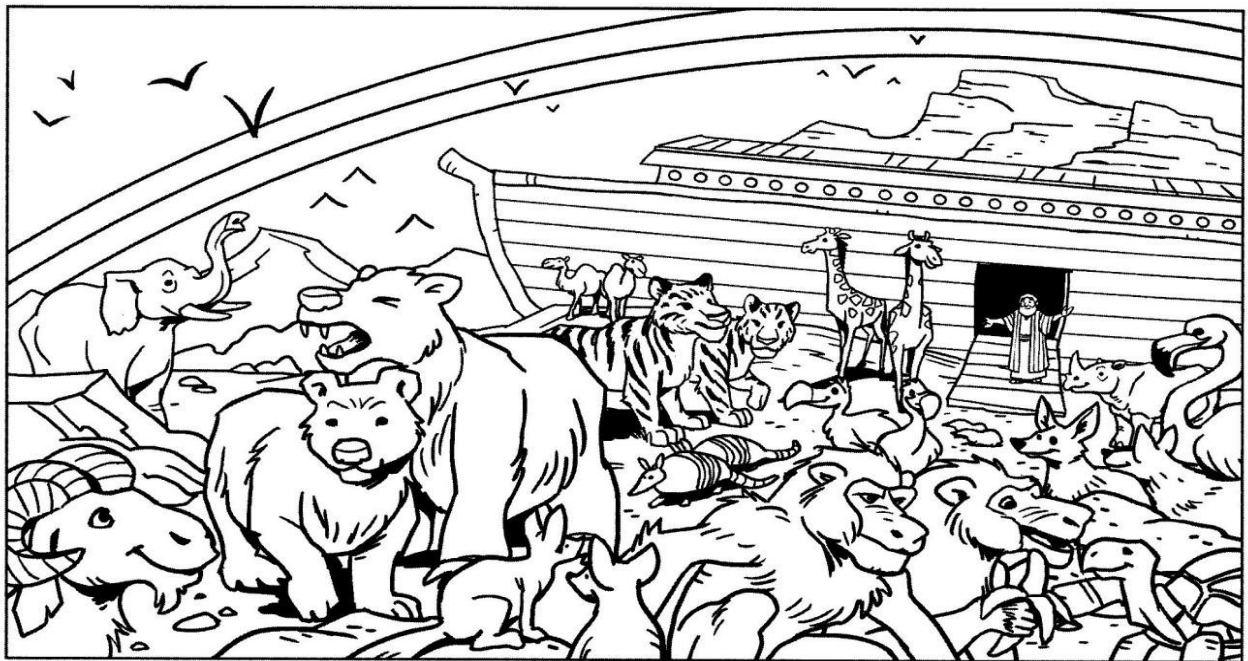
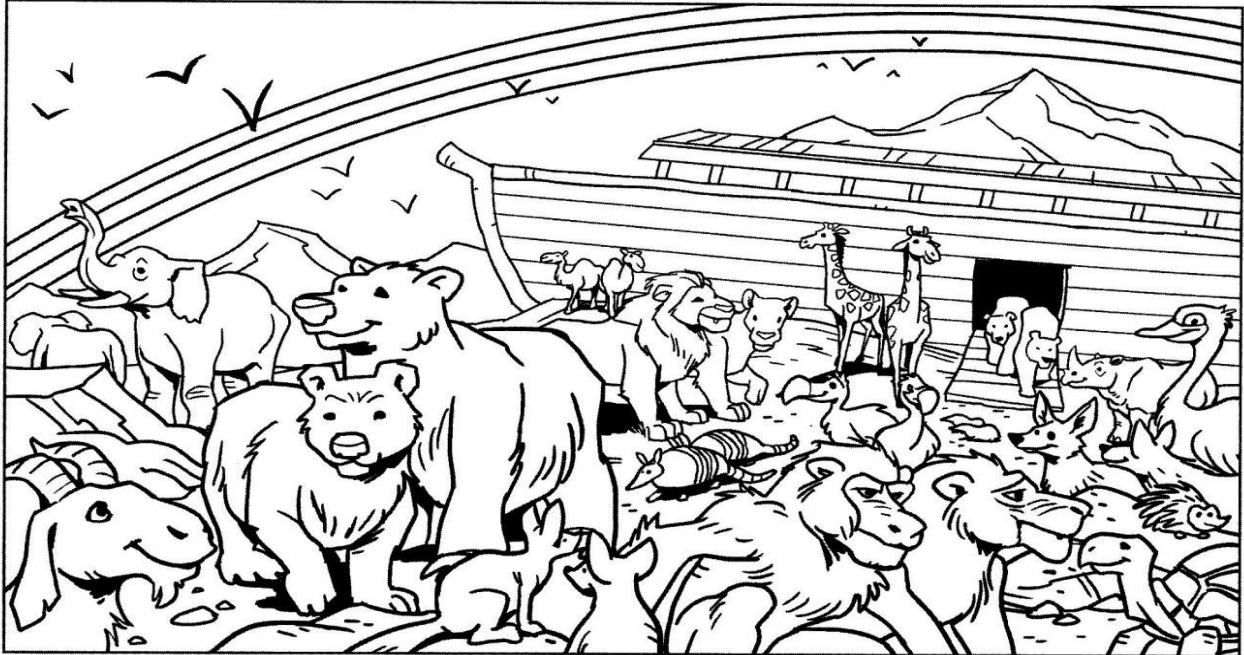
**Help Our Youth "Tackle" Hunger
Sunday, February 11, 2024**

This year our Youth Group will "tackle" hunger in the 2024 Souper Bowl of Caring! The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national program that raises money and collects food items to help fight hunger. On Sunday, February 11th, youth group members will be accepting monetary and non-perishable donations before and after both services. All donations will go to our local Waterville Food Bank. Thank you for your support on February 11th!

Puzzle!

What's Different?

When the floodwaters went down, God told Noah all of them could leave the ark. See if you can find twelve differences in the two pictures of Noah leaving the ark.





By Rebecca Deschaine, Youth Group Leader

February 11th – 9:30 am

The Youth Group for students in grades 6 – 8 will meet during the 9:30 am worship service on February 11th. We will also be collecting canned goods and money for the Souper Bowl of Caring on this date. Join us for games, group discussions and getting to know each other.

Hope to see you there!

Miss Becky



Sue Robe, Kathryn Gulitti, Mikayla Violette, Norma Julia, Betty Lou Jones, Arlene Plisga, Del Roderick, Kathy Bulmer, Jean Groleau, Karl Foss, Marjorie Jackson, Kelly Paquette, Bartley Robinson, Sandra Dooley, Deb Cates, Terry & Pam McKinley, Cheryle Whitakers, Debora Lush, James Barnett, Amy Irish, David Broadbent, Rev. Arlene Tully, DS, The people of Ukraine, Bishop Peggy Johnson, Vicki Hughes, Jerry Carson, Charlie Runnels, Pastor Elizabeth Bailey-Mitchell & Harbour, Mark Babin, The people of Gaza & Israel, Pam Morrison

Prayer requests will remain on the prayer list for one month unless we are notified otherwise.

Please call or e-mail the church office to add or delete names from the prayer list.



By Sarah Ramgren, Sunday School Coordinator



Children of all ages are invited to join us for Sunday School during the 9:30 AM service.

Here's our February learning schedule:

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|----------------|--|
| Feb. 4 | Service Project |
| Feb. 11 | Transfiguration (Mark 9:2-9) |
| Feb. 18 | Noah's Ark (Genesis 9:8-17) |
| Feb. 25 | No Sunday school - vacation week ends |

Join us as we learn about God, work together, and have fun, too!



Snow Cancellation Policy

If the Waterville Public Schools cancel church activities will be canceled. Check with the chair of any committee meetings, for a possible alternative meeting via Zoom. Generally, we do not cancel Sunday morning worship. Please use your common sense regarding travel on stormy Sundays. The pastor will make the decision on cancelling worship in consultation with the Pastoral Care Coordinator and Church Council Chair. In the Pastor's absence, the Pastoral Care Coordinator and Council Chair will make the decision.



Parish-Relations Committee

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee serves as a liaison to our paid staff (office, custodian, choir director, organist), our Pastor, and the Conference. If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please feel welcome to speak with any of the following individuals: Ron White, Jon Ramgren, Linda Keniston, Janet Maliga, Don Banton, John Bacon, or our Pastoral Care Coordinator, Barb Sagat-Stover.

Living Our Faith

By Ann Norsworthy

The Alternative Christmas Fair of December, 2023 showed care and concern for our friends and neighbors who need our help and support in facing life's challenges. The ACF raised a total of \$2,853. Because of your generosity we will be able to donate:

- **\$776 to Kennebec Valley Community Action Program (KVCAP)** to support their new on-demand transportation system in Waterville and Fairfield.
- **\$917 to the Family Violence Project.**
- **\$1,160 to Pleasant Street United Methodist Church's Pastor's Discretionary Fund.**

Thank you for supporting the Alternative Christmas Fair. It is a wonderful opportunity to show God's love for those whose lives are not as blessed as our own as we try to truly live our faith.

Thank you!

The Alternative Christmas Fair Team,
Mary Michaud, Tish Begin, and Ann Norsworthy

FIRST Supper To Go

Friday, March 22



The first supper to go for 2024 will be held on Friday, March 22 from 4:00 - 5:30 pm. We will be serving fish chowder/chili with cornbread and pie. Donation of \$9 would be appreciated.

Snow date is Saturday, March 23 from 4:00 - 5:30 pm.

Sundays in January

8:00 am Worship in Chapel
 9:30 am Worship in fellowship hall
 After Children's Message - Sunday school for children of all ages in nursery
 After service - Fellowship Time in fellowship hall

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February, 2024**Office Staff Working:**

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*Sunday**Monday**Tuesday**Wednesday**Thursday**Friday**Saturday*

4 *Communion Sunday New Member Sunday Discretionary Fund Offering *Sign-up for Lenten study After 9:30 service - Bell Choir rehearsal - robe room 3-4:15 pm - NA - parlor	5 8:30-10:30 am & 5:7 pm - Food Bank Client screening - conference room 5:45-7:30 pm - Centital Maine Pride - library 6:7 pm - Building Strength - robe room 6:7-15 pm - Soul Builders - member's homes 6:30 pm - Soul Sisters - via Facebook video chat	6 8:30-10:30 am - Food Bank Client screening - conference room 5:30-7 pm - Daisy Troop - scout room 5:30-7:30 pm - Daisy Troop - fellowship hall 6:7-30 pm - NA - parlor 6 pm - Church Council - via Zoom 7:8-30 pm - Boy Scouts - scout room	7 8:30-10:30 am - Food Bank Client screening - conference room 10:3 pm - Literary Volunteers - library 4:30-6:30 pm - NA - chapel 6:7 pm - Building Strength-robe room 6:7 pm - Boy Scout Comm-missioners - scout room 6:9 pm - Kennebec Valley District Boy Scouts - fellowship hall 6:30-9 pm - Kennebec Valley District Boy Scouts - conference room & nursery 6:30 pm - Senior Choir - Choir room	8 8:30-10:30 am - Food Bank Client screening - conference room 4:30-6:30 pm - AA - fellowship hall 5:30-7 pm - TOPS - robe room 6:30-8:30 pm - AA - fellowship hall	9 4:30-6:30 pm - Tourmaline Singers rehearsal - choir room 5:30-7 pm - NA - parlor	10 Newsletter articles due! *9 -11am - Book Discussion Group - via zoom
11 *Souper Bowl of Caring *Sign-up for Lenten study *9:30 am - Youth Group meeting - youth group room 2nd floor After 9:30 service - Bell Choir rehearsal - robe room 3-4:15 pm - NA - parlor	12 8:30-10:30 am & 5:7 pm - Food Bank Client screening - conference room 5:30-7:30 pm - Waterville Lions Club - library 6:7 pm - Building Strength - robe room 6:7-15 pm - Soul Builders - member's homes 6:30 pm - Soul Sisters - via Facebook video chat	13 8:30-10:30 am - Food Bank Client screening - conference room 5:30-7 pm - Daisy Troop - scout room 5:30-7:30 pm - Daisy Troop - fellowship hall 6:7-30 pm - NA - library 8pm - SPRC - parlor 7:8-30 pm - Boy Scouts - scout room	14 *Aft Wednesday 8:30-10:30 am - Food Bank Client screening - conference room 10:3 pm - Literary Volunteers - library 4:30-6:30 pm - NA - chapel 6:7 pm - Building Strength-robe room 6:7 pm - Pine Tree Council - scout room 6:9 pm - Boy Scouts - conference room 6:30 pm - Aft Wednesday service - chapel 6:9-30 pm - Boy Scout Leaders - fellowship hall 6:30 -9pm - Kennebec Valley District Boy Scouts - nursery After service - Senior Choir - Choir room	15 8:30-10:30 am - Food Bank Client screening - conference room 4:30-6:30 pm - AA - fellowship hall 5:30-7 pm - TOPS - robe room 6:30-8:30 pm - AA - fellowship hall	16 4:30-6:30 pm - Tourmaline Singers rehearsal - choir room 5:30-7 pm - NA - parlor	17 *9 -11am - Book Discussion Group - via zoom
18 *1st Sunday in Lent Extra Mile offering After 9:30 service - Bell Choir rehearsal - robe room 3-4:15 pm - NA - parlor	19 President's Day Staff Holiday 6:7-15 pm - Soul Builders - member's homes 6 pm - Trustees - library 6:30 pm - Soul Sisters - via Facebook video chat	20 8:30-10:30 am - Food Bank Client screening - conference room 5:30-7 pm - Daisy Troop - scout room 5:30-7:30 pm - PFLAG - via Zoom 5:30-7:30 pm - Daisy Troop - fellowship hall 6:7-30 pm - NA - parlor 7:8-30 pm - Boy Scouts - scout room	21 8:30-10:30 am - Food Bank Client screening - conference room 10:3 pm - Literary Volunteers - library 4:30-6:30 pm - NA - chapel *6:7 pm - Lenten study - parlor 6:7 pm - Building Strength-robe room 6:30 pm - Senior Choir rehearsal - Choir room	22 8:30-10:30 am - Food Bank Client screening - conference room 4:30-6:30 pm - AA - fellowship hall 5:30-7 pm - TOPS - robe room 6:30 - Fundraising Team - via Zoom 6:30-8:30 pm - AA - fellowship hall	23 4:30-6:30 pm - Tourmaline Singers rehearsal - choir room 5:30-7 pm - NA - parlor	24 *9 -11am - Book Discussion Group - via zoom
25 *2nd Sunday in Lent *No Sunday school After 9:30 service - Bell Choir rehearsal - robe room 3-4:15 pm - NA - parlor	26 8:30-10:30 am & 5:7 pm - Food Bank Client screening - conference room 5:45-7:30 pm - Centital Maine Pride - library 6:7 pm - Building Strength - robe room 6:7-15 pm - Soul Builders - member's homes 6:30 pm - Soul Sisters - via Facebook video chat	27 8:30-10:30 am - Food Bank Client screening - conference room 5:30-7 pm - Daisy Troop - scout room 5:30-7:30 pm - Daisy Troop - fellowship hall *6 pm - Finance - via Zoom 6:7-30 pm - NA - parlor 7:8-30 pm - Boy Scouts - scout room	28 8:30-10:30 am - Food Bank Client screening - conference room 10:3 pm - Literary Volunteers - library 4:30-6:30 pm - NA - chapel *6:7 pm - Lenten study - parlor 6:7 pm - Building Strength -robe room 6:30 pm - Senior Choir rehearsal - Choir room	29 8:30-10:30 am - Food Bank Client screening - conference room 4:30-6:30 pm - AA - fellowship hall 5:30-7 pm - TOPS - robe room 6:30-8:30 pm - AA - fellowship hall		

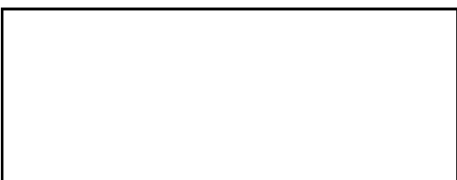
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