



Church Street News

Presque Isle Congregational Church

United Church Of Christ

June 2010

As we enter the *Season after Pentecost*, we encounter again the God who creates and delights us, loves us, frees us, calls us, and equips us for discipleship.

The *Season after Pentecost* is the longest season of the Christian year, beginning after our celebration of Pentecost and continuing until the Sunday before Advent. This is the season in the church year when we consider what it means to pick up the mantle of ministry and witness, as individuals and as the church, in everyday living. The liturgical color is green, a sign and symbol of life and growth. The great feasts of the church, Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost, have been celebrated. In this "Ordinary Time" (as it is called in the church calendar), there is a chance to pause and catch our breath, to be renewed and refreshed. We will hear about the great prophet Elijah and his many extraordinary acts, and we will journey again with Luke to meet Mary and Martha and others. This Season gives us the time to reflect on the ways we can live out God's call, no matter where we are or what is happening.

Our Church School

On Pentecost Sunday, we recognized our church school students and teachers. This is one of the most enjoyable moments in our time of worship. Our children are the future of the church and the teachers who give up their Sunday mornings, often after working a 40-hour work week, are the ones who make the hour a fun-filled and enjoyable time of learning. The Music Ministry team of Jennifer Waddell and Susan Grove-Markwood brought an enjoyable time of music appreciation to our Junior Choir, whose members thoroughly enjoy performing for the congregation. Without competent childcare, our young parents wouldn't be able to enjoy worship, a much-needed time of renewal for busy families. While "*Thank You*" hardly seems adequate, the words come from the hearts of all members of our church family.



Teachers Ages 3–5 - Andrea Powers, Laurie Nelson and Cathy Haskell; Ages 6–8 - Lori Hudson, Christa Galipeau, Marcia Stohlberg, Cathy Bohls, Liz Wight, Nikki Staples, Julie Freeman, Sue Barrett, Robin Peterson, Heather Caron, and Kelly McHatten; Ages 9–11 - Martie Pritchard, Robin Peterson and Lyn Edgecomb; Grades 6–7 - Melissa Vance and Georgina Schiff; Grades 8–12 - Peter McCorison and Terry Condon; *Junior Choir Leaders* - Jennifer Waddell and Susan Grove-Markwood; and our *Nursery* - Kate Campbell and Joy Pierce, Sam Clukey, Drew Barrett, Eric Freeman and Meredith Stewart.

Presentation of Bibles

It is our tradition to present Bibles to Grade 4 students and to those who are active church school participants but have not received their Bibles from our church. This year, Bibles were presented to: Eleanor Katherine Goheen, Ariana Rose Peterson, Tanner Markus Lee, Jacob Lyle McCorison, Trey Taylor and Grant Stewart.

Church World Service



The Mother's Day offering for Church World Service was extraordinary: Blankets - \$100; Chicks - \$130; Hygiene Kits - \$130; Mosquito Nets - \$120; and Birthing Kits - \$210. Thank you for your generosity to this worthwhile organization.

The Father's Day display is now available with selection lists and gift cards. The offerings include: Pair of Rabbits - \$10; 200 Seedlings - \$35; Wheelbarrow - \$35; Seeds and Tools for 3 Families - \$50; and a Shelter Kit - \$175. Please consider celebrating a special person in your life with a gift or a share of one of these gift items.

Honoring the Graduates



Each May, we request the names of high school and college graduates with a connection to our church. Grandparents have always been faithful about sending us the names of their grandchildren, and often we hear from members of our extended church family. We celebrate with you on the accomplishments of your children and grandchildren.

Lacey Delano, daughter of Steve and Sue Delano and granddaughter of Dolores Hutchins, graduated from Northern Maine Community College with an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts.

Kate Lewis, daughter of Nancy and Bruce Lewis of Litchfield, New Hampshire, and granddaughter of Peggy Woodman, graduated as a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from the College of Osteopathic Medicine at the University of New England in Biddeford, Maine.

Jennifer Kylee Wolfe, daughter of Jonathan and Alice Wolfe and granddaughter of Annette Wolfe, received her degree in Special Education from Geneseo College in Geneseo, New York.

Noel Michael Moriarty, son of Dawn and James Moriarty of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will receive his B. A. Degree in Writing with a minor in English from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, on May 30, 2010.

Hannah Robertson, daughter of Marcia and Tim Stohlberg graduated with a B. A in Art from North Park University in Chicago, Illinois.

Timothy Flewelling, second son of Dr. Douglas Flewelling and Lynn Beaulier Flewelling of Redlands, California, will graduate with a B. S. Degree from the University of New York at Fredonia. Timothy is the grandson of Frances and David Flewelling.

Joseph Lougee, son of Mark Lougee and grandson of Dana and Susan Lougee, graduated from Central Maine Community College with an Associate Degree in Culinary Arts.

Kyle Kearney, son of Carol and John Kearney of Ravena, New York, and grandson of Ruth James, graduated with an M.B.A. from Sage College in Albany, New York.

Benjamin James, son of Larry and Jane James and grandson of Ruth James, received his B.S. in Political Science and Economics from the University of Maine at Orono.

Moriah Morris, daughter of Lori and Jeff Hudson, graduated *Summa Cum Laude* with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from the University of Maine at Orono. Moriah will be joining Americorp in July and will be work at Camp Hill Village in Hudson, New York.

Patrick Kyle Wolfe, son of Dale and Karen Wolfe and grandson of Annette Wolfe, will graduate from Morse High School in Bath, Maine, on June 13, 2010. Patrick plans to pursue his Dr. of Physical Therapy degree at the University of New England 's Portland, Maine, campus.

Richard Weick Flora, son of Carl and Paula Flora and grandson of Barbara Flora, will graduate from Presque Isle High School.

Remember Our Legacy

Tribute Brick Project



By now, many of you have received information about our new fund-raising project, **Tribute Bricks**. This project provides an opportunity to remember, honor and celebrate important people or events in our lives.

The bricks are 4 x 8 inches and are engraved using state-of-the-art laser technology, which insures strength and durability. They will be set in a memory garden on the front lawn of the church. Each brick can have up to 3 lines and 20 characters per line (this includes spaces and punctuation). The price for each brick is \$100, and the donor will receive a commemorative certificate. The first one hundred donors will receive a miniature replica of the original brick (1 ½ x 3 x 5/8 inches), which can be kept as a remembrance or given as gift to the honoree.

The bricks will be purchased from Brickmarkers, USA. If you would like to learn more about the company and their products, visit the website at www.brickmarkers.com

This will be an on-going project. Orders will be accepted throughout the year, but can only be processed in lots of 100 or more bricks. If you would like further information, please contact Melissa Vance or Pastor Bob either via e-mail or by calling the church office (207-764-4743).

Vacation Bible School



Something new has been added to our children's summer program. A joint Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held with teachers and volunteers from both Grant Memorial United Methodist Church and Presque Isle Congregational Church, UCC during the month of June. The VBS theme, ***Egypt – Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace***, promises to be an informative, exciting, and fun-filled adventure for Pre-K through Grade 6 students. VBS will begin at 5:30 on Monday evening, June 21, at PIUCC and will meet again at PIUCC on June 22 at 6:00. On Wednesday, June 23, VBS will move to Grant Memorial United Methodist Church on Fleetwood Street and will continue at that site through Friday, June 25, meeting at 6:00 pm.

Coordinators for VBS are Wes Lavigne, Kim Embleton, and Melissa Vance.

Please consider this opportunity for your children to have fun learning with great visuals, music, crafts and games – a chance to meet with their school friends in a different setting. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please call Melissa Vance at the Church Office (764-4743)

Reminders



Sunday, May 30, 2010 – Service of Holy Communion – Worship begins at 10:00 AM

June Sundays – Multi-Age Church School and Nursery Available – Worship begins at 10:00 AM

July Sundays – Meet with Methodist friends at PIUCC – Worship begins at 9:30 AM

August Sundays – Meet at Grant Memorial United Methodist Church – Worship begins at 9:30 AM

If you plan to be away during the summer and would like to mail in your pledges or contributions, stamped envelopes addressed to the Church Office are available in the back of the sanctuary or please see Melissa.

Our expenses are ongoing and never seem to take a vacation. Your treasurers appreciate your assistance in keeping up with our bills during the summer.

Pentecost Celebrations and Farewells

Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Christian church. We celebrate each year with red balloons – 50 to be exact – representing the 50 days between Easter and Pentecost. This year, the day brought the excitement of baptisms and a time of passage as we said good bye to special members of our church family.



Josie Ella Duncan, Pastor Bob and Michele-Lombard Fowler

For Lee and Marianne Thomas, this was a very unique day. Their three grandchildren, **Josie Ella Duncan**, daughter of Anne Thomas Duncan and Joel Duncan of Portland, and **Adelle Elizabeth Thomas** and **Ava Elizabeth Thomas**, twin daughters of Lyndsey Lynch and Jesse Thomas, were baptized. All three appeared to enjoy their moments in the spotlight. Pastor Bob and Michele Lombard-Fowler, representing the Deacons, enjoyed the moments too.



Pastor Bob with Adelle and Jesse with Ava



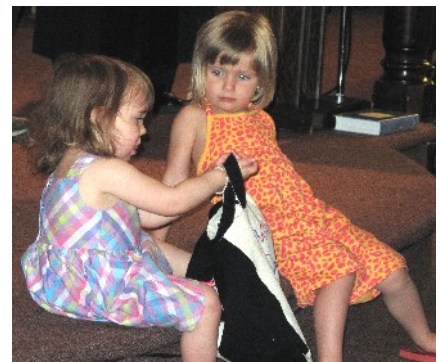
A Time of Passage



Good Byes are always difficult. Sometimes we just say the words in passing, usually adding good luck. Sometimes we just can't bring ourselves to say the words. *See You* seems easier. Our church family is losing some key members in a few short weeks. Hume and Joy Pierce, Alex and Marah, are moving to Chicago, Illinois, as Hume assumes a new position with McCain Foods, Ltd. Dr. Beth Ann Miller, Joy's mother, will be accompanying them in the move. Eric and Jennifer (Somerville) Waddell, Avery, Rowan, and Ethan, are moving to South Berwick where Eric has accepted an administrative position with MSAD #35. This will be a time of adjustment for those leaving and for those remaining here. We will miss each of you for your individuality and for the many selfless hours you have devoted to making us a stronger church family.

Martie Pritchard's Church School class (ages 9-11) presented Beth Ann, Jennifer, Avery, Alex, Rowan, Marah and Ethan with decorated bags to remember all our children who have enjoyed junior choir, bell choir and watching the younger children grow from babies to active little people.

Marah Pierce and Rowan Waddell contemplate how to use their new bags.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			9:30-11:00 AM-TOPS 4:00 PM-Writers			
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
10:00 AM Worship Rev. Tim Stohlberg Multi-Age Church School Classes	4:00 PM - TOPS		9:30-11:00 AM-TOPS 4:00 PM-Writers	Maine Conference UCC Annual Meeting Farmington, Maine		
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Thank You, Teachers!

