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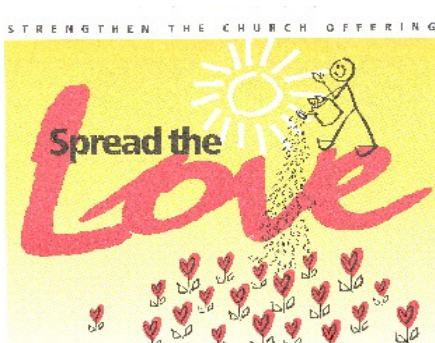
May 2010

Pentecost reveals us to be the gathered and scattered people of God's Spirit. God gathers individuals into community. In that gathering the Spirit names us God's children. God scatters diverse signs and words and disciples-sent-to-witness. In that scattering the Spirit creates life and renews the very earth. The God-sent Spirit will show us the way.

Our Pentecost celebration this year will be held on **Sunday, May 23rd**, and will be an eventful day. We will recognize our church school children and teachers during the Family Moment. Josie Ella Duncan, daughter of Anne Thomas Duncan and Joel Duncan of Portland and granddaughter of Lee and Marianne Thomas, will be baptized; and we will recognize a Time of Passage for church families moving to other parts of the state and country.

After worship, a luncheon will be held to say our good byes and thank you's to Eric and Jennifer Waddell, Avery, Rowan and Ethan; to Hume and Joy Pierce, Alexander and Marah; and to Beth Ann Miller.

Pentecost Offering



Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we collect a one-time-only **Strengthen the Church** offering, which is part of our Five for Five Wider Mission offerings. Your gift to Strengthen the Church builds the UCC's future now by funding *The Stillspeaking Ministry*, new and renewing churches, youth and young adult ministries, and lay and pastoral leadership formation. The offerings are shared 50-50 with the Maine Conference and the United Church of Christ national ministries.

The weekly bulletins during the month of May will provide information about how these funds are utilized.

Special Recognition



If you get a chance to talk with Tifini and Tanner Lee, ask them about their mother's award. They will proudly tell you that their mom, Jennifer Woodman, received one of this year's Red Cross Real Heroes Awards. Jenn doesn't like to be in the spotlight, but a year ago, she checked on her neighbor, who has seizure disorder and wasn't answering her door. Jenn had to break in, perform initial CPR and call 911. While she believes she was just doing what she does best – taking care of people, her neighbor credits Jenn with saving her life. Jennifer is the daughter of Mark Woodman and the granddaughter of Peggy Woodman.

Mother's Day



Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9th. Are you looking for a unique way to honor your mother or to celebrate her life's accomplishments. Traditionally, we have offered the opportunity to purchase a blanket for Church World Service. This year we are offering a selection of items from Church World Service: Blankets or Chicks for \$5; Hygiene Kits or Mosquito Nets for \$10; and Birthing Kits for \$35. There will be selection cards and a display with "In Honor" or "In Memory" cards set up in the back of the church.

Remembering Earth Day



Martie Pritchard is a lady with lots of ideas (and patience) to keep her church school class (ages 9-11) informed and involved. Members of the class decorated shopping bags with our UCC comma. These "comma" bags can be used to "reduce" the number of plastic or paper bags brought home after shopping; others can carry paper and other items to the "recycle" center; still others can be "re-used" to bring donations to church for GIFT food pantry.

Class members include: Ariana Peterson, Craig Schiff, Connolly Ambrutis, Ellie Goheen, Grant Stewart, Jacob McCorison, Tanner Lee, Tifini Lee, Trey Taylor, and Tyler Trask. Those who were present on April 18 distributed the bags to the congregation. These bags are a wonderful reminder of our responsibility, not just to the planet God has loaned us, but to each other.

We still have plenty of bags. So plan to take one home with you this week. Use it for your shopping or other errands. Bring it back to church another Sunday with items for GIFT food pantry, and take an empty bag home with you – there are extras available. Re-use the re-usable bags!

2010 Graduates



If you have a 2010 college or high school graduate in your family, please let us know so we can share your pride in their accomplishments in the June newsletter. Grammies and Grampies, this means your grandchildren too. The names will also appear in the bulletin on Recognition Sunday, May 23. Please send the names to the church office by Wednesday, May 19.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8:30 AM - Choir 10:00 AM – Worship Church School TC Club Recorder Consort will play.	3:00 PM – GS 4:00 PM - TOPS		7:00 AM-Men 9:30-11:00 AM-TOPS 11:30 AM-Women 4:00 PM-Writers 6:00–8:00 PM-GS			
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<i>Pentecost Sunday</i> 8:30 AM – Choir 10:00 AM Worship Recognition Sunday Luncheon after worship	3:00 PM – GS 4:00 PM - TOPS		7:00 AM-Men 9:30-11:00 AM-TOPS 11:30 AM-Women 4:00 PM–Writers 6:30 PM–Women II			
30	31	The Reverend Dr. Robert Grove-Markwood, Pastor - e-mail: bob@piucc.org Ms. Melissa Vance, Administrative Assistant - e-mail: melissa-piucc@maine.rr.com The Church: 27 Church Street - (207) 764-4743 The Parsonage: 29 Church Street - (207) 764-0150 Website: http://www.piucc.org				
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