

First Parish Federated Church
150 Main Street
South Berwick, ME 03908



First Parish Federated Church
United Church of Christ ~ United Methodist Church
The Reverend Donna Lee Muise - Pastor
Mr David Deardorff - Minister of Music

Triangle ~ April 2010

Office.....384-4091
Fax Line.....384-6283
Email: Rev Donna ~ revdonna@gwi.net
Joan/General Business ~ fpfc@gwi.net
Church Website ~ <http://www.fpfcmec.org/>

Pastor's Message - April 2010

At the time I type these letters, my mind is surely fixed on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and two Easter morning services. In my research, I came across a sermon by Barbara Brown Taylor called, "The Unnatural Truth."¹ Here's an Easter message by one of the 12 best preachers in the country. Happy Easter, my friends. May we worship in joy on Sunday morning!

Read John 20:1-8.

The Sunday of the Resurrection is not only the greatest day of the church year; it is also the only one that is set by the moon. Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the spring equinox. As complicated as that sounds, it makes ancient sense, since it means that Easter coincides with the greening of the earth. Christ is risen and the whole world comes to life. Sap rises in dormant trees, spring peepers start their peeping, and trumpet lilies spill their sweet smell on the air. The connection is a happy one, guaranteed to renew our faith in the creative power of God.

But it is also a misleading one, because spring is entirely natural. Buy a daffodil bulb in the winter and it looks like nothing in your hands—a small onion, maybe, with its thick skin and scraggly roots. If you have had any experience with bulbs, however, that does not worry you. You know all you have to do is wait. Come springtime it will escape the earth and explode with color, a yellow butterfly of a blossom shedding its cocoon. As miraculous as it is, it is completely natural.

Resurrection, on the other hand, is entirely unnatural. When a human being goes into the ground, that is that. You do not wait around for the person to reappear so you can pick up where you left off—not on this side of the grave, anyway. You say good-bye. You pay your respects and you go on with your life as best you can, knowing that the only place springtime happens in a cemetery is on the graves, not in them.

That is all Mary was doing that morning—paying her respects, going to his tomb to convince herself it was all true. It was still dark, but even from a distance she knew something was wrong. She could smell damp earth, cold rock from inside. Someone had moved the stone! Afraid he would become a saint, afraid his tomb would become a shrine, someone had taken him away—God knew where—to a steep cliff, to the town dump. His body was all she had left and now it too was gone.

So she ran and brought two of the others back with her, but once they had satisfied themselves that what she said was true, they left her there weeping. If they tried to lead her away, she refused them. She was like an abandoned pup who had lost her master, staying rooted to the last place he had been without the least idea what to do next.

Even angels could not soften her resolve. They were not here when she worked up her nerve to look inside the tomb, sitting where he had lain. "Why are you weeping?" they asked her. "They have taken away my Lord," she answered them, "and I do not know where they have laid him."

¹ Taylor, Barbara Brown. *Home by Another Way*, pp 109-112. Crowley, 1999.

It never occurred to her that they might be the culprits, apparently, but it was not as if she were thinking clearly. She was operating on automatic pilot, so that when she left the tomb she bumped into the gardener without even seeing him. His only value to her was that he might know the answer to her question, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

What did she think she would do—have the gardener lay the body over her shoulders, or pick it up all by herself? It was not a reasonable request, but the gardener did not seem to mind. "Mary," he said to her, and she turned to stare at him. "Rabbouni!" she cried out, "my Teacher!"

"Do not hold onto me," he cautioned her, "because I have not yet ascended to the Father."

It was a peculiar thing for him to say since there is no evidence she was holding on to him in any way. Unless it was what she called him—my Teacher—the old name she used to call him. Maybe he could hear it in her voice, how she wanted him back the way he was so they could go back to the way they were, back to the old life where everything was familiar and not frightening like it was now. "Rabbouni!" she called him, but that was his Friday name, and here it was Sunday—an entirely new day in an entirely new life.

He was not on his way back to her and the others. He was on his way to God, and he was taking the whole world with him. This may be why all the other gospel accounts of the resurrection tell us not to be afraid—because new life is frightening. It is unnatural. To expect a sealed tomb and find one filled with angels, to hunt the past and discover the future, to seek a corpse and find the risen Lord—none of this is natural.

Death is natural. Loss is natural. Grief is natural. But those stones have been rolled away on Easter morning, to reveal the highly unnatural truth. By the light of this day, God has planted a seed of life in us that cannot be killed, and if we can remember that, then there is nothing we cannot do: move mountains, banish fear, love our enemies, change the world.

The only thing we cannot do is hold on to him. He has asked us please not to do that, because he knows that all in all we would rather keep him with us where we are than let him take us where he is going. Better we should let him hold on to us, perhaps. Better we should let him take us into the white hot presence of God, who is not behind us but ahead of us, every step of the way.

Let him take us where he is going—hmmm...I just love that!

Happy Resurrection Day!

Rev Donna

Every Member Canvass—Final Installment

It's time to wrap up the commentary. I will address the remaining comments assigned to me and let that be the last word on 2009 EMC. Overall, we should note that the EMC was fully entered into and fully completed. It has not been a case of "we did this program and nothing ever came of it; nothing was done with the information." The church council has followed through, and for their hard work, we should give a hearty round of applause!

Again, the format here is the comment and my response.

C: Should have an assistant to Donna.

R: Volunteers step up to help; Joan responds quickly to all my requests; in terms of ministerial help, I have folks I am mentoring into leadership positions. They are learning much and using their developing skills in ministry within this church.

C: We should determine what the drawing card is for other churches.

R: Just remember the old saying, the grass is not always greener on the other side of the fence. There are many reasons people are drawn to certain churches more than others. I visited 10 churches on my sabbatical in 2006. There were services that drew me and others that left me hanging, yet the enthusiasm during worship was apparent. Some churches have requirements—such as tithing and strong worship attendance and an expectation of small group, Sunday school or bible study participation. Perhaps the draw toward certain churches has more to do with the real life, day to day relationships with Jesus Christ that the people purposefully pursue. The other piece these drawing card churches have is that they are willing to do whatever it takes to attract more people; in other words, they welcome change.

C: People should wear name tags to help with ID.

R: We have tried using name tags several times in my tenure here; it's never caught on. Part of the issue might be that we do not have a place to store the name tags near the sanctuary. If someone could resolve that issue, I think we would have more success in this area. Being able to call one another by name is very important to helping people feel welcome.

C: Do adult CE classes on Sunday or Monday afternoon.

R: This idea could happen. We used to have a Wednesday afternoon session but over the past five years or so it dwindled in participation. We lost some folks due to illness or death or busyness, etc. We could try this again since it's been over a year now since we've had these sessions. Perhaps you're thinking it would be good to have a class during the day so that those who cannot drive at night could come. If you are interested in having an adult CE class during the day, please speak to me and I will set it up. I would require, however, a minimum of six participants. Get together; talk about it; and make it happen!

C: Go back to highlighting a person/group in the Triangle each month.

R: I think this is an excellent feature. I did ask someone to start it up again but the follow-through has not been there. If anyone reading this is interested in writing such articles, I would be very pleased to speak with you and mentor you through the process. The more we all know about each other the better!

C: We need to have orientation info available to tell new people who FPFC is.

R: We have colorful brochures about the church available in the sanctuary and in the vestry. We have business cards as well and they are on the back tables in the sanctuary. Feel free to take these materials and hand them to folks who are new or who you would like to invite to the church. Further addressing this need, the Deacons and I have worked on a new program of orientation for folks considering membership in our church. This class covers information about the nature and purpose of Church, why we choose FPFC, and the programs and covenant of FPFC. This course is taught by two deacons and myself with lots of group participation. The class is open to all people whether they are already members or not. It's a time filled with information and an opportunity to make new friends.

C: Should have done evaluations at some time other than during service.

R: Yes; it was awkward to do the evaluations at the end of the service, but it was the only way we thought we would get enough responses to be helpful in the process of "surveying" for opinions, etc. We thank you for cooperating with the request; and it has been a long time since we have taken this approach.

C: Halle Halle Halle and clapping.

R: If you could see the faces of our children, especially the very young ones, who sing and clap to Halle Halle, you would keep it going. When I see these children in other places or talk to parents, many have mentioned that their children love Halle Halle—they sing it all the time. That's the Spirit at work in our children's hearts, my friends, and I would not even dream of making a change there. As for the clapping, worship is meant to be lively and energetic—it's the *work-ship* of the people. Being energetic, singing and clapping makes people feel good and I also believe it pleases God. If you go back to one of the earlier comments about the draw of other churches, experiences like "Halle Halle" is one of the draws.

C: Rev D does a good job with visitation, but selectively.

R: I visit as time permits and needs exist. On an exceptional week I might visit 6 folks; some weeks I can only visit one person. As for selectively, I "select" people who are homebound, lonely, ill, or desiring communion. Joan makes the appointments for me in advance. Anyone who wants a visit but has not had a call from me simply needs to call the church office. I will be more than happy to visit. AS I have indicated many times, if you need me for any reason but do not tell me yourself, you should assume that I do not know of your need. I am also open to visiting neighbors and friends of yours whom you feel might benefit from a pastoral visit. You simply need to let me know.

Now, there could be another meaning for "selectively" that is meant in this comment, but I will not even go there. I love you all equally and care for you all equally. It is true, I sometimes miss a call I should have made, and for those times I ask for your forgiveness. The good news is that we have added a Visitation and Care Team who are sharing the responsibilities of visitations and communications with our members. The Deacons also participate in outreach to our congregation. And, by the way, we are always thrilled to have new folks join this ministry!

C: Need to work on communication.

R: Whenever a large group of people is involved, communication is always an issue. And, it's always on the radar here for opportunities for improvement. If you have suggestions for ways in which to enhance our efforts, the council and I would be very glad to listen. There's almost always room for improvement when it comes to communication and so we are on the look out for those ideas!

The thing about communication, we all need to remember is that it works both ways (in two directions) and it requires personal responsibility on everybody's part. The church communicates through email, web page, monthly newsletter, Sunday morning announcements, person-to-person, telephone, meetings, church council, along with forwarding denominational news as it comes in. If you miss an important announcement, it just might be that you overlooked the email or the article. I know I have done this from time to time. It could also be that delivery never happened whether through the snail mail or the Internet. The best advice I can give is that if you are wondering about something, take action. Call the office, ask a friend, check out the church weekly announcements (which are emailed every week), come to me. We all want to be good communicators, and we all have to give it our very best effort—communicators and communicatees. (There I go making up words again.)

C: Should find a way for seniors to socialize during the day.

R: Socializing is SOOO important for all of us! Seniors are vibrant folks and should have an avenue to gather. Humor, wisdom and really good treats are always present. We had "Keenagers" for three or four years, probably about five years back, but eventually for a number of reasons, we were not able to find leadership for it. I was often present for the gatherings, yet I felt that the group would benefit from a senior in the leadership role.

We also tried a mid-week worship service with lunch and fellowship for several months, in conjunction with the Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging. The ministry was aimed at the demographic of caretakers and the people they were caring for. That demographic never materialized. However, we did have two to four of our own independent seniors here. We worshiped together and then had marvelous lunches prepared for us by Clayton Estabrooke.

With that said, I would entertain with pleasure being the leader for this group, at least to get it started. I would welcome suggestions about what kind of gathering would be most attractive and useful to you. Give me a call or drop me a line, or better yet come into the office or catch me on Sunday. If I hear from enough of you that you would enjoy a new program, we'll get going on it. Thanks for the idea.

OKAY. It's all wrapped up. Let's concentrate on the future and progress and vision from now on. They are much more exciting and enlivening pursuits!

Peace,
Rev Donna

Welcome to Gathered Here 2010

A Maine Conference ONA Event sponsored by **The Witness Life Commission**
Hosted by **First Parish Congregational Church UCC, Saco, Maine**
April 23 – 25, 2010

Gathered Here 2010 is a weekend-long ONA gathering for the ME Conference sponsored by The Witness Life Commission and hosted by First Parish Congregational Church UCC in Saco. This event is offered in response to the resolution approved in June 2008 calling on the Conference to undergo study as to whether to declare itself an ONA Conference. This event is open to all members and friends of the ME Conference UCC and its churches. Workshop and registration information follow.

Rev. Mike Schuenemeyer, Executive for Health & Wholeness Advocacy in the UCC Wider Church Ministries, will be joining us from Cleveland as our keynote speaker. Tim Brown, Youth and Young Adult Coordinator for the UCC Coalition for LGBT Concerns, will also join us as a presenter. Participants may choose from workshops covering a variety of areas of ONA study. ONA Churches in Maine will also be recognized and honored during the weekend. It would be great if each ONA church in Maine had a representative at the weekend. Of course, the more the merrier!

First Parish Congregational Church UCC in Saco is hosting this event as they celebrate over 10 years of ONA ministry and move into their second decade as an ONA Church. To facilitate attendance by as many folks as possible, we have worked to keep the registration fee low. **The registration fee is only \$25.00 for the 3 day event including 3 meals.** The church is also arranging host homes for participants traveling from distance to eliminate expenses associated with lodging. We have also negotiated special rates with nearby hotels, if you prefer. Information is included with this packet.

On Saturday evening, April 24, a Celebration Concert is being offered by Jason & deMarco. Jason & deMarco are secular and Christian recording artists and life partners. <http://www.jasonanddemarco.com/> This concert will be open to the general public, so all are invited to attend whether participating in the full weekend or not. This would be a great opportunity for youth groups to experience a positive and welcoming Christian music concert. A love offering will be accepted during the concert.

For more information, please contact Bill Walsh, 207-615-4556 or email to gatheredhere2010@gmail.com.

Gathered Here 2010

A Maine Conference ONA Event sponsored by The Witness Life Commission

Hosted by First Parish Congregational Church UCC, Saco, Maine

April 23 – 25, 2010

SCHEDULE

Friday, April 23, 2010

5:30 – 6:30 Registration

6:00 – 7:00 Gathering Dinner & Welcome

7:00 – 9:00 Movie- “Call Me Malcolm”

Saturday, April 24, 2010

8:00 Registration opens

9:00 Welcome

9:15 – 10:00 Keynote Address- Rev. Mike Schuenemeyer

10:15 – 11:30 Workshop One

11:30 – 12:00 Free Time- Networking

12:00 – 12:45 Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 Worship & ONA Recognition

2:15 – 3:30 Workshop Two

3:45 – 5:00 Workshop Three

5:15 – 6:00 Meet in color groups for reflection

6:00 – 6:30 Free Time- Networking

6:30 – 7:15 Dinner

7:15 – 8:00 Free Time- Networking

8:00 – 9:30 Celebration Concert with Jason & deMarco

Additionally on Saturday, free HIV testing will be offered by Chris Tripp of the Frannie Peabody Center in Portland. www.peabodycenter.org/

Sunday, April 25, 2010

10:00 Celebration Worship with Communion/ Closing

WORKSHOPS

Friday Evening- 7:00 – 9:00

Movie- “Call Me Malcolm”

Call Me Malcolm is an amazing story of the human spirit and God's spirit, and the liberating struggle to realize and express with confidence the marvelous gift of one's truest sense of self. As Malcolm shares his own story and through the stories of others we meet, Call Me Malcolm offers us a glimpse into the real lives of real people who are transgender. But it is only a glimpse. There are many stories to be told and Malcolm helps us make connections to our own stories, encouraging us to share them.

Saturday Workshops- please choose one workshop (with a 2nd preference) for each workshop period

Workshop Period One- 10:15 – 11:30

Anybody, Everybody, Christ's Body

Presenter: Rev. Peggy Wolfe Dunn

In a context of radical inclusion this workshop will help participants explore hospitality using resources designed by UCC Disabilities Ministries. Please come prepared to be challenged and pleasantly surprised. Participants will receive a CD version of the ACCESSIBLE TO ALL (A2A) manual.

“Don't You See Me?” Opening to the Homeless and Marginalized

Presenter: Rev. Mair Honan

We will explore together why we often overlook the poorest around us and how we can change ourselves and our communities to be “one with”.

How to Be a Straight Ally

Presenter: Timothy Brown

This workshop is for members of the straight community who want to know what to do to be an ally for the LGBT community. What things will a straight person face? What are some specific actions a straight person can take?

Practicing ‘Safer Spirituality’: Ethical and Theological Insights from the ONA Movement

Presenter: Marvin Ellison

This workshop examines some of the ethical and theological insights emerging from ONA congregations. A liberating spirituality moves beyond “mere” inclusion toward transforming our congregations into hospitable, multicultural communities in which all persons may flourish. Getting there requires “changing the subject” in two ways: (1) getting past the misplaced preoccupation with homosexuality (and more generally, sexual orientation) and focusing attention on things that matter, namely sexualized violence and race, gender, sexual, and economic oppression, and (2) changing the subject in terms of who speaks and is taken seriously. What would it mean to change the focus on the conversation from sexual orientation to sexual integrity and how to live out an inclusive Christian ethic of relational justice?

Workshop Period Two- 2:15 – 3:30

Addictions Ministry and More

Presenters: Rev. Dr. Mark Doty and Greg Music

Rev. Doty and Mr. Music from Hammond Street Congregational, UCC in Bangor will speak about their involvement in that church's Addiction Ministry. Included will be commentary on their weekly visits to the Women's Re-entry Center--a post-prison facility in Bangor. Mark and Greg will also talk about other manifestations of being an Open and Affirming Congregation--the church's support of a Rainbow Fellowship, involvement with the same gender marriage legislation, and participation in the local Bridge Alliance and Eastern Maine AIDS Network.

Biblical Self Defense

Presenter: Timothy Brown

Too often, the religious right misuses a few passages from the Bible to justify the oppression of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. Too often, people do not know how to respond to these texts or what they really mean and their contexts. As a result, any conversation with the religious right, be it in person or in society, can become an invitation to an LGBT person, or anyone, to feel poorly about themselves. This workshop analyzes each of the so called “slammer passages” in detail, removing the fear they sometimes can instill. Included will be examination of contexts and translations. The workshop also empowers people to feel positively about the combination of being LGBT or an ally *and* a person of faith, no matter the faith, by looking at other passages from both testaments as well.

ONA: How We Live Our Values Makes a Difference

Presenter: Rev. Mike Schuenemeyer

The ONA movement in the UCC is a testament of faith and the courage to live our values. What has brought us to this place? What difference has it made? What is the movement moment we are currently in and where is it leading us? Come with your thoughts, questions and a readiness to engage this discussion with friends and colleagues.

The Healing Power of Open and Affirming Music

Presenter: Susan Savell with Flash Allen

Music has the power to bring people together and create a shared experience of love. Susan will share some of her original music, and we will all sing together hymns and songs—both old and new-- that inspire affirmation for diversity, inclusive language, and open heartedness. Please bring any songs you would like to share with others. Flash will accompany you!

Workshop Period Three- 3:45 – 5:00

Every 9½ Minutes, the Vital Role of the UCC in HIV Prevention

Presenter: Rev. Mike Schuenemeyer

Every 9½ minutes someone is infected HIV in the United States. Although HIV deaths have been dramatically reduced, the pandemic continues to grow here and throughout the world. Faith communities and the UCC, in particular, have a vital role in stopping HIV and caring for those who affected. What is that role? How is the UCC responding?

What does ONA have to do with it? Come with your thoughts, questions and a readiness to engage this discussion with friends and colleagues.

Growing Up in an ONA Church – A Youth Perspective

Presenters: Robert Ochoa-Schutz and Panel

Developed and presented by the Youth of Hadwen Park Congregational Church (UCC) in Worcester, MA, (an Open and Affirming congregation for over five years), in their own words; what does it mean to grow up as a youth to a church opened to all people.

Hiding in Plain Sight: Black in the UCC

Presenters: Sarah Pringle-Lewis and Linette George

An unfortunate choice of words by the United Church of Christ has labeled the history of African-Americans within the Church as a “Hidden History.” If we are hiding, it is in plain sight. President Barack Obama, womanist Valerie Russell, Senator Kwame Raoul, Dr. Yvonne Delk, civil rights activists Julian Bond and Andrew Young, as well as a host of other African American members of the UCC belie the notion of hiding. Being African –American is not incidental to our membership in the UCC. We bring a unique experience to our understanding and interpretation of scripture that causes us to search with a passion for the God of justice and equality. Please join us as we discuss what it means to us to be among the 70,000 African Americans in the United Church of Christ faith community.

TRANSforming Congregations

Presenters: Alex Roan & Panel

This workshop will explore what it means to be transgender, and how congregations can be accepting and affirming of individuals with trans identities. A panel of transgender individuals will share their stories and provide an opportunity for questions and discussion.

Presenter Biographies

Timothy Brown is a Commissioned Minister of the United Church of Christ, serving since 1997 as the Youth and Young Adult Coordinator for the UCC Coalition for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns. He is the co-editor of *Coming Out Young and Faithful* (Pilgrim Press, 2001). He works with queer & questioning youth/young adults throughout the United States, frequently presenting workshops of various kinds. His portfolio includes serving as a liaison to the lesbian/gay student groups on the 47 colleges related to the United Church of Christ. He is also a Registered Suicide Intervention Skills Trainer, music teacher, and an avid bicyclist. He teaches music in the Denver Public Schools.

Rev. Dr. Mark Doty is pastor of Hammond Street Congregational Church UCC in Bangor, Maine and is a fifth generation pastor. In addition to his ministerial responsibilities, Dr. Doty has had a wide experience in teaching on the secondary, college and graduate levels. He is the father of a son and daughter and has two grandsons. Dr. Doty has been involved in a number of pursuits ranging from prison ministry to the Walk to Emmaus to singing in a male chorus. Other interests include travel, gardening, antiques, theatre, genealogy, and cooking.

Marvin Ellison is professor of Christian ethics at Bangor Theological Seminary, an ordained Presbyterian minister, co-chair of Maine's Religious Coalition Against Discrimination, editor of *Sexuality and the Sacred: Source for Theological Reflection* (Westminster John Knox, forthcoming), and author of *Same-Sex Marriage? A Christian Ethical Analysis* (Pilgrim Press, 2003).

Linette George is a native of Bangor, Maine, where she grew up attending the First Christian Church, UCC and after its closure, the Hammond Street Congregational Church. She most recently was an active member of the Woodfords Congregational Church, UCC in Portland, Maine where she served as their Moderator for three years before returning to Bangor. Linette is a graduate of Stanford University with a BA in Political Science and has worked for the past 25 years as a paralegal. She currently works in the area of criminal defense and family law as a freelance paralegal in Bangor. Linette is a new student at Bangor Theological Seminary and plans to attend full time in the Fall.

Rev. Mair Honan is an ordained UCC minister, co-founder and pastor of Grace-Street Ministry, Portland, Me. She is the mother of two wonderful, grown sons and married with a mensch for 28yrs.

Greg Music hails from Cincinnati, Ohio. He graduated from Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo in 1981. He has served as youth pastor, senior pastor, and associate pastor of counseling in churches in the US and England over a 20 year period. He left the pastorate after coming out as a gay man 10 years ago, and has been employed in the areas of teen homelessness, people living with AIDS, and people with developmental disability. He is vice-president of the Bridge Alliance, a northern Maine

LGBTQA non-profit which creates social opportunities for LGBTQA adults, families, college aged and high school people. In his church, Hammond Street, he has served as deacon, Sunday school teacher, member of the Rainbow Fellowship, and currently as part of the Addictions Ministry Team. Greg is currently seeking re-entry in the fulltime pastorate as part of the United Church of Christ. Greg has been actively involved in the fight for Marriage Equality, and has been partnered for 8 happy years to Mark Bridges.

Robert Ochoa-Schutz is a member of Hadwen Park Congregational Church in Worcester, MA and serves on the Church Council. Robert has served as Confirmation mentor, Sunday Children's Worship Leader, Sunday and Vacation Bible School teacher, within the UCC for over ten years. Currently Robert serves on the ONA Task Force for the UCC MA Conference's Commission for Mission and Justice Ministries.

Sarah Pringle-Lewis is the University Chaplain at Husson University and the Associate Pastor of Hammond Street Congregational Church, UCC, both of Bangor, Maine. Sarah was an undergraduate philosophy major at Hiram College where she received her BA and has graduate degrees from Western Illinois University and Bangor Theological Seminary. She is a second career pastor coming to the ministry after 25 years as a university administrator and instructor. Originally from Dayton, Ohio, Sarah has experienced faith communities from Malibu to Maine.

Alex Roan, LCPC-c is the founder of MaineTransNet, an organization that provides support and resources to the trans community of Maine, as well as trainings and consultation to mental health and social service professionals working with the transgender community. He received a master's degree in counseling from the University of Southern Maine in 2007. Alex is currently working on a dissertation for a Ph.D. in Human Services at Capella University on the experiences of parents of transgender individuals and hopes to be done by the end of the year.

Rev. Susan Savell is a songwriter and recording artist who has been sharing her music within the UCC for many years. Her "Peace Church Live!" recording is a collection of songs written for congregational singing, and her latest recording, "Take My Hand" is written to celebrate the journey of all kinds of families toward wholeness and joy.

Rev. Mike Schuenemeyer joins us from Cleveland, Ohio where he serves as the Executive for Health and Wholeness Advocacy for the UCC's Wider Church Ministries. He also serves as the Executive Director of UCAN, the United Church of Christ's HIV and AIDS network.

Rev. Peggy Wolfe Dunn is the director of the Maine Conference's Academy for Congregational Life and Leadership, and is the Chair of the national UCC Disabilities Ministries Board. She is ordained in the UCC.

Hotel Reservations

These hotels have agreed to offer us a special rate for the event.

Tell them you are with the “Gathered Here Conference” to receive the special rates.

Best Western Merry Manor Inn

700 Main Street, So. Portland, ME

\$69.00/night

Must reserve by: April 1, 2010

Reservations call: (207) 774-6151

www.merrymanorinn.com

Fairfield Inn Portland/Maine Mall

2 Cummings Rd, Scarborough, ME

\$69.00/night

Must reserve by: March 30, 2010

Reservations call: (207) 883-0300

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/pwmpt-fairfield-inn-portland-maine-mall/>

Gathered Here 2010

A Maine Conference ONA Event sponsored by The Witness Life Commission

Hosted by First Parish Congregational Church UCC, Saco, Maine

April 23 – 25, 2010

Registration Form

Mail or Fax by Friday, April 16, 2010 to:

Gathered Here, c/o Bill Walsh, 3 Maura Court, Waterville, ME 04901

FAX: 866-354-1409, Phone: 207-615-4556; Email: gatheredhere2010@gmail.com

Checks should be made payable to: First Parish Congregational Church UCC

The registration fee for the event is \$25.00 (includes 3 meals)

In addition:

An offering will be accepted during the Saturday worship to support ONA work in the ME Conference.

A freewill offering will be accepted during the Jason & deMarco concert. A \$10.00 donation per person is suggested.

Participant Information:

First Name

MI

Last Name

Address1

Address2

City

State Zip

Home Phone (area code & no.)

Business Phone (area code & no.)

Cell Phone (area code & no.)

Fax (area code & no.)

Email

Emergency Contact:

Emergency Contact Name

Relationship

Home Phone (area code & no.)

Business Phone (area code & no.)

Cell Phone (area code & no.)

Fax (area code & no.)

Email

Address

City

State

Zip

Dietary Needs/Restrictions

I have a preference for:

Vegetarian food (dairy and eggs OK) Vegan food (no animal products)

Omnivorous (meat OK)

Please list any dietary restrictions, food allergies or food intolerance:

Meals

The following meals will be included for the training. So that we may provide the caterer with an accurate count, please **indicate** the meals you **will** attend.

All Meals

4/23/2010, Friday Dinner

4/24/2010, Saturday Lunch

4/24/2010, Saturday Dinner

Special Needs

Please tell us about any special considerations important to your participation.

Demographic Information

Gender Identity

Male

Female

Transgender

Transgender, M-F

Transgender, F-M

Decline to say

Other, please specify: _____

UCC Ecclesial Status:

Commissioned

In-Care

Layperson

Licensed

Ordained

Privilege of Call

Other, please specify: _____

Racial Ethnic Identity:

Asian or Pacific Islander

African American or Black

American Indian

Euro-American or Caucasian

Latino, Latina or Hispanic

Decline to say

Other, please specify _____

Local Church Membership

Pastor

Address

City

State

Zip

Conference

Association

Birthdate:

Occupation

Housing/Hotel Reservations

I would like lodging in a host home.

Host homes will provide breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Friday night housing requested

Saturday night housing requested

Allergies- please specify _____

Non-Smoking

Roommate Request

If possible, I would like to room with _____

I will commute or make other housing arrangements.

Please see hotel information for special rates for Gathered Here 2010 participants.

Saturday Workshop Choices

Workshop Period 1

First Choice:

Second Choice:

Workshop Period 2

First Choice:

Second Choice:

Workshop Period 3

First Choice:

Second Choice:

Will you be staying for the Celebration Concert with Jason & deMarco on Saturday evening?

Yes, I can't wait!!!

No, I'm sorry I won't be there....

Please note that a free will offering will be received during the concert to support Jason & deMarco's appearance at the event. A \$10.00 donation person is recommended.

S.A.M. (Social Action and Mission)

Coins for Daisy's Children *Please be reminded that Communion Sunday is the Sunday designated for our congregation to turn in their Daisy Jar coins.* These coins are what provided the initial support of our children and are needed more than ever as we prepare to expand our services to more children in Honduras. Muchas gracias y dios bendiga!

Daisy's Children Thank you one and all for making a better life possible for Los Ninos de Deysi, Daisy's Children. As the result of amazing blessings we have been able to open a sewing center in Concepcion del Norte as well as procure a rental property to initiate a childcare program for preschoolers for moms currently participating in Daisy's as well as young, single moms in the village. Because of all this our needs have grown. We hope to include some of these supplies on the AMIGOS container. Others we will carry or purchase in Honduras should you prefer to make a financial contribution.

Sewing Center Cotton fabrics, seasonal/holiday fabrics, thread, elastic, eyelet trim, trims, fabric measuring tapes, seam rippers, shears, pinking shears, rotary cutters & blades, rubber cutting mats, simple patterns for children's clothing, newer model gently used electric sewing machines- the less complicated, the better; preferably with instruction manuals.

Los Angelitos Guardaria (childcare program) Wooden puzzles, receiving blankets, baby quilts/afghans, gently used washable toddler toys, baby bottles and nipples, bottle cleaning brushes, high chairs, Pack and Plays. The following items or \$\$ to purchase: Pediasure, vitamins, baby wipes (non-allergenic), liquid Motrin, liquid Tylenol, Infant vitamins, Purell, Lysol Wipes, Liquid hand soap, baby shampoo, bath gel, lotion; lice shampoo, baby bath tubs, baby brushes, baby nail clippers, thermometers.

Easter Baskets The SAM committee collected donations to fill 27 Easter Baskets which have been given to the town of South Berwick for distribution to children in the community. Thank you to all who supported our local community with this need. Our March Mission Supper supported the AMIGOS program and all the help and donations are greatly appreciated for this far reaching program aiding children in Honduras.

Food Pantry Items needed for the South Berwick Food Pantry are listed in the weekly announcements and a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Vestry for helpers. We staff the pantry one night per month, please sign up for a night or two and assist with this important program.

Scholarship Funds As warmer weather approaches we wish to remind everyone of the availability of funds through the SAM Scholarship Fund. Assistance for workshops, retreats, mission trips, and camps is available. Please speak with Reverend Donna if this fund could assist you pursue opportunities to grow and explore your Faith.

We will continue to explore ways for our Church Family to live their Faith through Social Action and Missions at our next meeting on Tuesday, April 6 at 7PM in the Library.

Important Congregational Meeting

April 11 following worship there will be an important congregational gathering in the Vestry to review our present financial status and to look at FY 2011 budget challenges. You don't want to miss this!

UMC and ELCA "Full Communion" Celebration

The United Methodist Church (UMC) and Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) have voted in the past two years to enter into "full communion." Full communion is not a merger, but means that the two churches express a common confession of Christian faith and mutual recognition of Baptism and sharing Holy Communion; agree to mutual recognition of ordained ministers for service in either church; express a common commitment to evangelism, witness and service; engage in common decision-making on critical matters; and mutually lift criticisms that may exist between the churches.

As a celebration of this new relationship, **Bishop Margaret Payne (New England Synod, ELCA) and Bishop Peter Weaver (New England Conference, UMC)** are hosting a **joint worship service on Sunday, April 11, 2010 beginning at 4 PM at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Worcester, MA (73 Lancaster St).**

Plans for this service and a reception/fellowship time to follow are still being finalized. In the meantime, we hope that you will plan now to attend this great time of worship and celebration -- and encourage others to put this date on their calendars as well. More details will follow soon.

Yard Sale 2010

Hold the dates and remember us when you do your spring cleaning. ***The 2010 Yard Sale will be June 18 & 19.*** If you would like to help, call the Ouellettes at 384-0084.

2010 FPFC Auction—April 18 at 1PM

Everyone please reserve the date of Sunday, April 18 for our annual Church Auction at Spring Hill. The auction will begin at 1 PM with a viewing at noon. We will have a professional auctioneer for our bidding. This is an important and fun event for our church and we hope everyone will consider attending. As in the past, there will be donated services, special items, treasures large and small, and much more to entice those who attend.

Tell everyone you know that it will be a fun and worthwhile Sunday afternoon at Spring Hill. If there is a special treasure you wish to donate or know of a service or business you would like to approach contact *George Moore*.

Let's all make this event a success by doing whatever we can to spread the word or request/provide services and treasures.

Dewitt Carmer

Auction Items Needed—You Can Help

Tired of looking at that painting on the wall? Maybe that nice piece of furniture just doesn't fit anymore?. Wondering what to do with it? Here is your chance to do something wonderful for the Church! We are gathering items for this year's auction and we would like to have any items that you would be willing to part with. We will accept your donation, provide you with a receipt for the item for tax purposes and use it either for the Auction or the Yard Sale. It is a winning situation for all. Please contact either Marc Precourt at mprecourt@maine.rr.com or 676-1048 or Lucy Putnam at cnlputnam@yahoo.com or 603-742-8581 to make arrangements. Thanks for your support of our Church.

Women's Retreat Mission Project

The Women's Retreat will be working on a Mission Project to support Caring Unlimited, an organization in Kittery that provides shelter, counseling and support to women and children experiencing domestic violence. We are asking for donations of used cell phones and fleece material for rag tag blankets we will be making for the women and children. We need 1 1/2 yards each for the children's blankets and 2 yards each for the women's blankets. Donations will be collected in a labeled box in the Narthex through May 16. We would really appreciate your help with this mission. Any questions, please contact Diane Money at (207) 384-4465 or email dianemoney@comcast.net

Volunteer Opportunity—Volunteers Needed!

Ongoing positions available - Have you ever thought about Volunteering? We may have a position for you! We are looking for help at the Yankee Thrift Shop at the First Parish Federated Church on Wednesday evenings from 6 - 8 PM, Thursday evenings from 5:30 - 8 PM, or any of 3 shifts on Fridays, 10AM to noon, noon - 3 PM, or 3 - 5 PM. **Duties:** Hanging clothing, working at the front desk, pricing items and putting items out for display. **Wages:** Joy, Half price on any treasure you may find to purchase! If any of these times are convenient or you would like more information, please contact Dottie Bennett @ 207-698-5939, Joanne Morgan @ 207-748-1175, or Julia Ouellette @ 207-384-0084.

SKAT

SKAT stands for sewing, knitting, and talk therapy. This women's group meets the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at Janet Klebaur's house. Everyone is invited to join us at 6:30 - 7 PM, until 9ish or whenever. This month we'll meet on March 4 and March 18. Bring your projects (or not) and come join us for some lively conversation. We're hoping to see you there! Any questions? Call Janet at 384-4041.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting Matthew during his recent book signing in the Vestry after Church. It truly meant a lot to him and also to me.

Kent MacNown

Thank you to everyone who took part in our church birthday party!! It was lots of fun and great fellowship, and of course the cakes were delicious . The popular birthday month appears to be September with the most cake served at that table. The least popular month was July, with only 2 people sitting there including our Rev Donna! The gifts received for our kitchen were great. We were able to stock up with lots of useful items, and we also collected cash gifts to be used for larger priced items such as a new pot for cooking vegetables. Thank you to everyone who took part in this fun celebration.

The dollar drive we have been collecting during coffee hour for the purpose of purchasing new white cups for church suppers and other events, is going well. Thanks to those who have been adding their dollar to the large cups displayed on the table. Its amazing how quickly those dollars add up, and we will soon be able to add some much needed coffee cups to our kitchen shelves.

Thanks,
Janet Klebaur

From the Counting House

Thought you might enjoy knowing that the Counting House was given a document pertaining to the installation of Rev John Thompson as pastor of the First Parish Church on May 7, 1783 labeled "Subscription paper for Mr. Coffin's sermon," at the installment of Thompson. Apparently set up so that people in attendance ("We the subscribers approving of the Sermon preached this day at the installment of the Rev Mr. Thompson . . .") could order printed copies of Coffin's sermon after hearing it. The book, *Records of the First and Second Churches of Berwick*, states that Rev Mr. Coffin of Buxton was among seven pastors called to "assist in the solemnities of the day" Thompson was installed. This subscription paper was signed by Benjamin Chadbourne, _____ Haven, Jeremy Belknap, Jonathan C. Chadbourne, Curtis Coe, Joseph Haven, Jonathan Hamilton, E_____ Cutts, Moses Jewett, Joshua Pray, Simeon Brock, Thomas Chadbourne, Humphrey Chadbourne, and another illegible names.

Wendy Pirsig

Adult Bible Study

Monday Night Bible Study resumes on April 12 at 7 PM at the Ouellettes' home, 1 Brattle Street, South Berwick. We will be viewing a video and discussing the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. This is a four week study on April 12, 19, 26 and May 3. Join us! Direct questions to Julia Ouellette at 384-0084.

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour coordinators are planning to try some new ideas that will provide refreshments during our fellowship time together following worship, and that will divide the responsibilities and work among us all.

On a typical Sunday, we serve approximately 60 people which can include about 20 children. In order for each person to have one serving, we need about 60 pieces (or servings). It does not need to be home-baked - some folks enjoy baking, others do not. We make 3-4 carafes of coffee each week, usually one decaf and two regular. We also provide tea and cold drinks. The church has the tea, coffee, sugar, lemonade/iced tea. The host needs to provide cream and juice if desired. The host/hostess needs to set up before church and cleanup after Coffee Hour.

As you can see, this does take some planning and time. It is not difficult to do, but it becomes a burden when just a few people volunteer. We are looking for 12 people (or couples) to be coordinators for one month out of the year. It would be up to you to perform the above duties or you could choose to ask others for donations and/or help. Please consider what month would be best for you and then call Jen or Wayne Boston at 603-335-5878. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the vestry.

To make things a little easier on all of us, we have decided to cut down on the refreshments served with the coffee and tea. We will plan to serve baked goods one Sunday a month. The Sunday for this will usually be on the holiday weekend of that particular month. For example, in April we will celebrate Easter. May will be Mothers Day, June will be Fathers Day, etc.

The Bostons will call or send a card to remind you what month you have signed up for. If people want to bring in foods for the other weeks of the month, that is entirely up to you. Suggestions might be to bring in pretzels, animal crackers, fruit pieces, or whatever you desire. Anyone who wants to donate non-perishable snacks can drop them off in the kitchen, labeled for Coffee Hour. As snacks are available, we will serve them on Sundays. If there are no snacks, we will still serve coffee, tea, and cold drinks.

In order to cut down on congestion and to avoid accidents, we are once again setting up a children's table where cold drinks and a small snack will be available. We ask that children go to this table only. Once all the adults have served themselves, the children are invited to check out the adult table, and to choose one item.

Once again, our goal is to make Coffee Hour fellowship available and easy for everyone. Any part you can do to help us will be much appreciated. Keep your eye out for sales, and help us stock up. Volunteer to take on a month as host/hostess. Call Jen Boston and say you will bake - she will have you choose a date. We realize this is a bit of a change, and we hope you will be comfortable with it. If you have other ideas you are willing to implement, please feel free to speak to Jen or Wayne Boston.

Thanks to all,
Jan Klebaur

Church World Service

*They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
Their righteousness endures forever...Psalm 112:9*

Dear Friends:

I want to thank you for your generous contribution—especially appreciated in this challenging economy. Thanks to caring donors like you, Church World Service can provide food, water, and other necessities to families displaced by war or natural disasters, as we are doing in Haiti now. And with your help, we can also assist impoverished communities as they work to improve their farming techniques, develop reliable water sources, and build a more sustainable future.

While these are sobering days, I remain hopeful because of the creative, resilient women, men, and children we assist around the world, and because of caring people like you, who empower us to act on your behalf in our wounded world. May God bless you for your compassionate support.

Faithfully yours, Rev John L McCullough
Executive Director and CEO

Couples Camping Weekend at “The Fields of Spring Hill”

Planning is underway for the June 4 & 5 Couples Camping Weekend. The weekend will begin on Friday evening as campers arrive, set up their camps, share supper and time around the campfire. All types of dry camping sites are available for tenting, pop-ups, trailers, fifth wheelers, and RV's of all sizes. A porta potty will be provided for those who don't have “indoor” facilities. We are encouraging couples who don't camp to be involved in all the activities but sleep at home in their own beds. We will be sharing meal prep so each couple will only be involved in providing for one meal.

Saturday will start with a shared breakfast followed by guided discussion on “What it means to be a Christian couple” and testimony from a prominent, experienced guest speaker. After lunch we will participate in several mission projects. Evening will include a service at the “Chapel in the Fields” based on fellowship, inspiration, education, love, devotions, service.

After a special dinner, we will again enjoy Mary's S'mores around the campfire.

Sunday will conclude with a shared breakfast, breaking camp, and church.

We are asking for donations of \$40 per couple to cover expenses. Please reserve your site for an exciting weekend by contacting the Goodwins at 384-5653, the Morgans at 748-1175, or the Ouellettes at 384-0084. see you there!

Visitation and Care Team (VCT)

At our February 21st meeting we assigned VCT members to Deacons on the new care list we recently received. Doing this creates a team of two to three people who can work together to keep each other informed and provide the best pastoral care possible for the people we serve.

A Caregiver Phone Chain has also been created. When Reverend Donna hears of someone who is ill or hospitalized, the chain will go into effect. She will call the first person on the list, who will then call the next person, etc. This will help to keep the Deacons and VCT informed when someone on their list is in need. And, of course, we will also let Reverend Donna know if we hear of anyone with a special need.

Work has also begun on a Visitation and Care Team Manual. We will continue to work on this as a group to be sure that it contains information which will help future members, as well as other people in the congregation know what we are all about and what we do.

Cheryl Estabrooke

AMIGOS Project

As in recent years our church will again be collecting buckets of food for the AMIGOS school lunch program in Honduras. This program is made possible by the hard work and generosity of the UCC congregations of York County and their friends. The program is hoping to continue to supply 1000 buckets of food to Honduras. An enormous task, but possible if we all work together.

This year the collection program will take place during April, with the food due back by the last Sunday of the month. The AMIGOS program brochures and shopping lists are now available and will be distributed during Sunday worship in the coming weeks. The buckets will not be arriving in church until mid April, so please start your shopping once you have your brochure. You don't have to wait for a bucket.

This year our church is striving to fill 120 buckets of food for the program. To do this we will need your help:

- Fill one or more buckets yourself
- Ask friends, neighbors, coworkers, etc. to fill buckets or to work together to do so.
- Recruit families, classrooms, scout troops, service groups, etc. to fill buckets

The cost of providing a bucket of food for a child during the program is about \$60.00, which includes a \$10.00 donation to cover the cost of the bucket and shipping and handling to Honduras. For more information, to become a sponsor or to arrange a speaker about the program, contact Lucy Putnam 603-742-8581.

**Wanakee United Methodist Center
Needs YOU!!**

Join us at one of our WORK DAYS, May 8 and 22

Help New Hampshire's only Methodist camp and retreat center maintain its facilities so it can provide a place for spiritual growth and renewal for all ages. We need volunteers to help "SPRING CLEAN" and open the camp for the summer. Can you do light carpentry, plant flowers, paint tables, clean dishes and buildings, set up crafts or docks, open up the cabins?

All skill levels and ages needed! If you can come, you can help.

All ages welcome!

Church groups encouraged!

Meals provided!

To make a difference. Contact Wanakee:

603-279-7950

mail@wanakee.com

75 Upper New Hampton Road

Meredith, NH 03253

S.A.M. Notes ~ April 2010

Angel Food Ministries - Food Co op

**Apr order deadline - Order Deadline: 4/15/10, On-Site 12 PM, Online 2 PM
For pick up, 8 - 10 AM on Sat, 24 Apr 2010**

To order contact angelfoodministries.com or St.George's Episcopal Church 207-363-7376

Senior Youth Group Schedule

April

- Sat 4/3** See Emily Beaudette in "Aida" at Marshwood High School
- Sun 4/11** 11 AM - 12:30 PM, Senior Youth Group Mission Trip Car Wash Fundraiser
Junior Youth welcome to help out, too
- Sun 4/18** Volunteer to help out at Church Auction, 1 - 5 PM
Please let Lucy know if you would like to help out for part or all of the time

Fri, 4/23 - Sun, 4/25
PL Jump Start Weekend

May

- Sun 5/2** Regular Meeting 6-7:30 PM
- Sat 5/8** Coffee House Fundraiser
- Sun 5/16** Regular Meeting
- Sat 5/22** Boston Field Trip
- Sun 5/30** No Youth Group - Memorial Day Weekend

June

End of the year party, date TBD

June 17 - 20 Tentative Dates for Senior Youth Group Mission Trip

Church Calendar - April 2010

- Thu, Apr 1** Thrift Shop open, 5:30 - 8 PM; Community Food Pantry open, 6 - 7:30 PM
SKAT, 6:30 - 9 PM at Jan Klebaur's, 24 Ross Street
Maundy Thursday Service, 7 PM in the Great Room
- Fri, Apr 2** Church Office closed; Thrift Shop open, 10 AM - 5 PM
Community Food Pantry open, 10 - 11:30 AM
Good Friday Service, 7 PM in the Sanctuary
- Sun, Apr 4** *Easter Sunrise Service at Spring Hill, 5:20 AM*
Before Worship, Prayer, 9:30 AM in the Shorey Room
Easter Sunday Worship, 10 AM
No Sunday School or Youth Groups today
- Mon, Apr 5** PPRT, 6:30 PM in Rev Donna's office
- Tue, April 6** Social Action and Missions, 7 PM in the Library
- Wed, Apr 7** Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 PM in Room 101
Choir practice, 7 PM in the Great Room
- Thu, Apr 8** Thrift Shop open, 5:30 - 8 PM; Community Food Pantry open, 6 - 7:30 PM
- Fri, Apr 9** Church Office closed; Thrift Shop open, 10 AM - 5 PM
- Sun, Apr 11** Before Worship, Prayer, 9:30 AM in the Shorey Room
Worship, 10 AM; Sunday School
Congregational Budget Workshop, after Worship
- Tue, Apr 13** Church Council meeting, 7 PM
- Wed, Apr 14** Board of Deacons meeting, 7 PM
Choir practice, 7 PM in the Great Room
- Thu, Apr 15** Thrift Shop open, 5:30 - 8 PM; Community Food Pantry open, 6 - 7:30 PM
SKAT, 6:30 - 9 PM at Jan Klebaur's, 24 Ross Street
- Fri, Apr 16** Office closed; Thrift Shop open, 10 AM - 5 PM
Community Food Pantry open, 10 - 11:30 AM
- Sat, Apr 17** Church Supper, 4 - 6 PM in the Vestry
- Sun, Apr 18** Before Worship, Prayer, 9:30 AM in the Shorey Room
Worship, 10 AM; Sunday School
Annual Church Auction, 1 PM at Spring Hill
- Mon, Apr 19** CE Committee meeting, 6:30 PM
- Wed, Apr 21** Choir practice, 7 PM in the Great Room
- Thu, Apr 22** Thrift Shop open, 5:30 - 8 PM; Community Food Pantry open, 6 - 7:30 PM
- Fri, Apr 23** Church Office closed; Thrift Shop open, 10 AM - 5 PM
- Sun, Apr 25** Before Worship, Prayer, 9:30 AM in the Shorey Room
Worship, 10 AM; Sunday School
- Wed, Apr 28** Choir practice, 7 PM in the Great Room
- Thu, Apr 29** Thrift Shop open, 5:30 - 8 PM; Community Food Pantry open, 6 - 7:30 PM
- Fri, Apr 30** Church Office closed; Thrift Shop open, 10 AM - 5 PM

Outside Groups Calendar - April 2010

- Fri, Apr 2 W.I.C. Program, 8 AM - 4 PM in Room 101
AA, 7 PM in Room 101
- Sun, Apr 4 South Berwick Youth Soccer League, 7 PM
- Mon, Apr 5 Al-Anon, 10 - 11:30 AM in Room 101
Community Chorus practice, 6 - 10 PM in the Great Room (*last practice this year*)
AA, 7 PM in the Vestry
- Tue, Apr 6 "Gospel Music Project," 7-9 PM in the Great Room
- Thu, Apr 8 Daisy Girl Scouts, 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
- Fri, Apr 9 W.I.C. Program, 8 AM - 4 PM in Room 101
AA, 7 PM in Room 101
- Mon, Apr 12 Al-Anon, 10 - 11:30 AM in Room 101
AA, 7 PM in the Vestry
- Tue, Apr 13 "Gospel Music Project," 7-9 PM in the Great Room
- Fri, Apr 16 W.I.C. Program, 8 AM - 4 PM in Room 101
AA, 7 PM in Room 101
- Mon, Apr 19 Al-Anon, 10 - 11:30 AM in Room 101
AA, 7 PM in the Vestry
- Tue, Apr 20 "Gospel Music Project," 7-9 PM in the Great Room
- Thu, Apr 22 Daisy Girl Scouts, 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
- Fri, Apr 23 W.I.C. Program, 8 AM - 4 PM in Room 101
AA, 7 PM in Room 101
- Mon, Apr 26 Al-Anon, 10 - 11:30 AM in Room 101
AA, 7 PM in the Vestry
- Tue, Apr 27 "Gospel Music Project," 7-9 PM in the Great Room
- Thu, Apr 29 St George's Berwick Group, 5:30 - 7:30 PM in the Vestry
- Fri, Apr 30 W.I.C. Program, 8 AM - 4 PM in Room 101
AA, 7 PM in Room 101