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Pastor's Message - March 2010

Here are two more statements from the EMC commentary assigned to me for response to the congregation. I hope my responses provide clarification for all.

Statement. *Church should have thought of changing ministers when Rev. Carolyn was here --she is a better minister.*

Response. Rev Carolyn is an awesome minister; she has strengths where I do not, and I believe the reverse is also true. Each one of us—lay and clergy—is given our own set of gifts, as Paul writes in I Corinthians 12. When working together, pastors are most successful when each one plays to his/her strengths, sharing the best of who they are and what they can do with and for their congregations.

Whenever there is more than one pastor in a church, some people naturally find affinity with one, and others are drawn to the other one. It's human nature to choose who or what appeals to us. I can appreciate that some of you connected better with Rev Carolyn, and I honor the fact that so many of you felt safe enough to share your opinions with the Every Member Canvass teams who visited you. The response below should also shed some light on "changing ministers."

Statement. *Believed that the church did not want another long-term minister.*

Response. In the United Church of Christ, the system of "changing" ministers involves mutual conversation between congregation and pastor. A pastor can choose to leave and informs the church council of the decision at least 3 months in advance of the departure date. If the congregation wishes to dismiss the pastor, there must be an official congregational meeting with votes (from members only) to carry out the process; again, the pastor must be given notice three months in advance. At all times, we try to be mutually respectful of the people and the process. There are too many cases of both pastors and parishes parting ways with anger, disappointment and/or a sense of betrayal involved.

As for long-term, certainly 12? years falls into that range since the average settled pastor stays in a church is five years. The determining factors for one party wanting to leave the other is almost never about length of service. I think it's more about the quality of relationships between the pastor and the congregation, as well as the carrying out of mission, ministry and spiritual growth in the parish and most importantly, how God is directing clergy and laity alike.

Here's a little snippet I found on line with information gathered by the Barna Research Group:

The American pastorate is getting older. In 1997, the average age for pastors was 48, up from 44 in 1992. The average church leader today has also been in the pulpit longer. In 1997 pastors spent an average of 17 years in full-time ministry, up from 14 years in 1992. They don't tend to stay at the same church though. The average length of time pastors report being at their current church is five years.

As for our church, I looked at the picture gallery outside my office and starting with 1933 on, the average length of stay was 6 years WITH THE EXCEPTION OF Rev Christensen and Rev Wallace, who served this church 26 and 20 years, respectively. Looked at individually, the other pastors stayed here from 2 to 10 years, with the most falling in the range of 3-5 years.

The most temporary position in a church is that of the pastor. Pastors come and go, but hopefully a core of the congregation stays intact to carry on and begin a new phase of life with a new pastor with new enthusiasm and perhaps a new set of gifts. God decides when that happens; meanwhile, let's make the best of the time we have to share with each, in mutual respect and Christian love.

Peace,
Rev Donna

A Letter from the Moderator

Dear Friends,

Pride goeth . . . you can probably finish the sentence for me. Still, there are times when I have to assign the word "pride" to my feelings about our community of faith. On Sunday February 28 many members of the church family shared news about their ministries of faith in New Orleans, Honduras and South Berwick during our worship time. We certainly aren't perfect, but it was uplifting and encouraging to hear about the ways that so many members of our small congregation have answered the call to serve the physical and spiritual needs of others at home and abroad. Though I felt pride, I heard the language of humility, as servant after servant thought to thank the rest of us for our support and for the chance to serve.

As good worship services do, that one gave me a lot to think about in the week that followed. I have marveled that I get the chance to worship each week with so many talented and caring people, whose example challenges me to improve my meager efforts. I have wondered at how many seemingly inconsequential things - like a pastor's encouragement, a well-stewarded building and worship environment and a friendly helping hand at a church supper can combine in miraculous ways to carry out our common mission of realizing our faith through action. As I often have during the 25 years I have attended this church, I was amazed again at how much the Thrift Shop volunteers do to support the many ministries of our church body. Though I suppose my feelings of pride in what our small church family is doing may predict some sort of fall, I came away renewed and refreshed to think that so many people can work hard and well together, can find joy in one another's accomplishments and can humbly walk the journey of faith together.

Though we work behind the scenes, the Church Council also has a role to play in building the framework and maintaining the environment that we share as a church. Council had a productive meeting again in February. We heard committee reports that indicate that the Church's committees are working hard and well. We considered a report from the Financial Team and discussed plans for the upcoming auction. The Council also discussed a question we had received regarding the all-church mailing list. The Council also composed a nominating committee. In keeping with our by-laws, the nominating committee has three members from the Church Council (Linda Patschke, Jim Morgan and me) and three members from the congregation (Peary Goodwin, Cheryl Estabrook and Maynard Hansen). I look forward to convening the committee soon to begin its important work.

Before closing this letter, I thank every member of our church family who took the time to attend the meeting on January 31st to receive and discuss the mid-year report on our finances. The spirit of cooperation and mutual support that characterizes our church family's approach to mission work was very apparent to me in that meeting as well. I am grateful indeed for the many people who have stepped forward to share in meeting the challenges identified at the meeting.

Charlie Putnam

Christian Education

The Christian Education committee is happy to support Reverend Donna at the **Dessert & Discussion Lenten Series**. This year's Lenten Series will take place on each of four Wednesdays in March, the 3rd, the 10th, the 17th, and the 24th, in the Vestry from 6 - 7 PM and is called "God Came Near." Everyone is welcome, so please plan on joining us for any or all sessions. Please note that while all church members are and their families are welcome, children activities and child care will not be provided.

The CE committee's next meeting will take place at church on March 15, 2010 at 6:30-8pm. Please let us know if you have any questions or pressing issues you would like the committee to discuss. Items on the agenda will include curriculum review, Vacation Bible Camp/School plans, Children's mission, summer coverage of "Noah's Ark" (toddler room), budget requests and the auction.

8 Ways Children's Ministry Benefits Families

1. It supports godly parenting. The church was never meant to be the exclusive faith teacher of children. Instead, God's plan was for the two institutions (church and family) to form a partnership
2. It helps nudge some parents into more faithful attendance. Usually, parents become more involved in the church when their kids become more involved in the children's ministry.
3. It brings unchurched families in contact with the Gospel. In our culture, reaching children is one of the most effective ways to make contact with unchurched families.
4. It helps new families get connected with the church. Even when a new family comes into the church, they still need help to get plugged in.
5. It helps identify families that may benefit from biblical counseling. Often in working with kids, we discover deeper problems at home that need biblical counseling.
6. It helps dads get involved in the church. For various reasons, fathers have a difficult time getting connected with the church family. One great way to bridge this gap is to use kids' sports ministries.
7. It provides families with meaningful shared experiences. This is true especially when the whole family can participate in events like VBS or summer camp.
8. It helps answer those hard questions. Almost every week a child will come to me with a religious question that has stumped their parents

Deacons

Responses to EMC Comments

Statement. *Sermons should pertain to everyday life and what people are experiencing at the time.*

Response. It is currently the practice to make sermons relate to Everyday life. The pastor is always open to topical suggestions for sermons.

Statement *Each committee should identify its focus and publicize that so everyone knows.*

Response. The focus of the Board of Deacons is worship and the spiritual life of the congregation. The VCT and the PPRT have displays in the vestry regarding their work, and we shall soon. Hopefully other committees and teams will add their own displays soon.

Statement. *Music is sometimes too loud, drowning out singing.*

Response. Lowering the volume of the music during prayer time has been addressed. Wouldn't it be great if we all could sing louder?

Statement. *Re-outfit the choir area to accommodate the choir's needs.*

Response. Re-outfitting the choir loft is a goal, yet it is not financially feasible at this time, but it has been discussed.

Statement. *Need more understanding of other religions.*

Response. We have had many interfaith opportunities and look forward to more.

Statement. *Suggest using the old choir loft as a sound room for taping programs.*

Response. The loft will be used to house the new sound system, and taping capability will be available.

Statement. *We should expand the space for the choir.*

Response. Again, this is not feasible at this time, but it has been discussed.

Statement. *We need a new sound system.*

Response. A new sound system is underway and will be housed in the old choir loft. David Stansfield has offered to provide a write-up of the sound system.

Statement. *Need to expand the prayer journal—maybe in announcements e-mail.*

Response. While we feel that it is safer not to send out personal information in an email, the Pastor sends out an all-

church email on a per-request basis as needs are made known to her.

Statement. *Put Sunday bulletins on the web page.*

Response. The Sunday bulletins are usually on the web page. If you go to the Calendar section and click the "worship" item on a particular Sunday, the bulletin will come up.

Statement. *Should not talk about money during Sunday services.*

Response. Stewardship is a spiritual issue. We are aware that some people want to hear about money and others do not. Remember, Jesus talked about money more than he talked about love . . .

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

The SAM committee is happy to report that our February meeting had us spending time packing and organizing the Baby and Hygiene kits for their long journey to Haiti. 129 kits were sent off to Church World Service to aid those in need. Many thanks to all who supported this effort with their generous donations. Special thanks to our Youth Groups and their leadership for the Hearts for Haiti effort. They were able to raise the remaining funds needed to process our kits and make an additional donation to Church World Service as well. Great teamwork!!

We also hosted guest speakers from the Food Pantry. Dave Stansfield and Lynn Cooke, talked with us about the workings of the Pantry and our responsibilities when we cover our assigned evening. This is an important mission for the local community, long supported by our church. The SAM committee has the responsibility of arranging for volunteer coverage to distribute food to families on our assigned evening each month. There is a sign up sheet posted in the Vestry for those who would be willing to serve our church and community in this way.

Upcoming events we are focused on:

- This March, our Church Supper will benefit the AMIGOS Project. Please attend or lend a hand at the supper to support this wonderful program.
- We are asking for your help in creating Easter Baskets for the children of families in the town of South Berwick. Thanks to the generous donations last year, we are only in need of a limited number of items to complete the baskets this year. A sign up sheet is located in the Vestry indicating what is still needed. Please commit to bringing a few items and return them to the church by March 21 so that we may provide them to the town with time to distribute to the families prior to Easter. There will be a collection basket located in the Narthex for all donations.

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 1pm 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. By putting our many talents to work we all help our church and one another!

More to follow...

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. Or maybe something else that it is time to find a new home for. Wondering what to do with it? Here is your chance to redecorate and 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 (we'll use our professional auctioneer's expertise to decide where it would work best). 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.

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.

Spring Volunteer Training

The 2010 Hospice of York Spring Volunteer Training is fast approaching. Open to all interested parties, completion of the course does not commit anyone to becoming a volunteer. Many who take this course do so for their own personal or professional needs. However, we do need volunteers...both men and women alike! It is our hope that you want to become a volunteer and join us in our very special, rewarding work. Please call Dee Bickmore at the Hospice office (363-7000) to register. There will be a small fee of \$30.00 If that presents a problem, please call me and discuss it (it's easily taken care of!!) Call as soon as you can...we appreciate the time to get ready for you. I'm looking forward to hearing from you, then meeting you in person. **When:** Starting Monday, March 8, 1:30 - 4 PM for 12 weeks (including one Saturday). **Where:** J S Pelkey Funeral Home, Kittery, Maine.

"Walk Thru the Old Testament"

March 12 & 13, 2010

A "Walk Thru the Bible" seminar is the best way I know of to introduce people to the "big picture" and overall message of the Bible. Through creative, fun, and interactive teaching, the presenter takes people through the major themes, structure and content of the Old Testament. And...the "Walk Thru the Bible" speakers have a way of doing it that helps people actually remember what they've learned!

This is a great event for Sunday School Teachers, children grades 5 and up, Confirmation Classes and church members of all ages. Please call our Church Office at 207-363-3758 if you would like registration forms. Members may mail in their registration forms to us at First Parish Congregational Church, 180 York Street, York, ME 03909 or, if you wish to collect them at your Church Office we will pick them up the week of the seminar.

Thanks for spreading the news!

Rev Linda Hirst

World Day of Prayer ~ March 5, 2010

"Let everything that has breath praise God"

World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service.

For 2010, the women of Cameroon developed the theme, *"Let everything that has breath praise God."* They invite us to "Africa in miniature," a country rich in diversity, where climate and culture are widely varied, but where people are bound together by a love of music, family, and faith. The worship service emphasizes the importance that the people of Cameroon place on music and celebration in their praise to God.

This year's World Day of Prayer service will begin at the first sunrise on March 5 in the Pacific region and follows the Earth's orbit, shining its light on Papua New Guinea (last year's writer country) and, in turn, the Americas, the Atlantic Ocean, Europe, the coast of West Africa (where Cameroon lies) and the rest of the world.

Cameroon's WDP planning committee included women from many Christian denominations including Presbyterian (French and English), the Union of Baptist Churches, the Native Baptist Church, Eglise Protestante Africaine, Eglise Fraternelle Luthérienne, Roman Catholic, United Methodist and Eglise Evangelique Luthérienne, as well as the YWCA.

WDP's motto, *Informed prayer leads to prayerful action*, affirms that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence. As we observe WDP 2010, millions of God's people are suffering from violence, exploitation, and poverty. We encourage you to begin thinking about actions that you can take to further support the 2010 theme, which calls us to sing praise to the Lord and to bring our gifts together, ever faithful to his promise to overcome evil with good.

Dear Partners in Ministry,

The World Day of Prayer Worship Service will be held at Corpus Christi Parish, St James Church on Friday, March 5 beginning at 11 AM followed by a luncheon in the church hall. This year's service was composed by the women of Cameroon which is located on Africa's west coast. The theme is *"Let everything that has breath praise God."* Through this beautiful service, we unite with them and other women around the world who struggle for equality while at the same time making invaluable contributions to our world through their hard work and creative endeavors.

The annual offering will support the work of the World Day of Prayer Committee and help meet the needs of families who are victims of violence and poverty worldwide. Thank you for supporting the World Day of Prayer. We look forward to sharing in this service with the people in your faith community.

Blessings and Peace,
Brenda Stinson, Faith Formation Director

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 4pm 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.

SAM Notes - Mar 2010

*****Angel Food Ministries- Food Co op**

Online Order Deadline: 3/18/10 by 2:00 PM On-Site Order Deadline: 3/17/10 by 2:00 PM.

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

Pick up Date: Sat - Mar 27, 2010 Time 8:00 AM - 10:00AM

Mission Supper: Saturday March 20 to benefit the AMIGOS Program

Easter Baskets: Sign up sheet in Vestry for needed items. Items due back to collection box in the Narthex by March 21.

"Dessert & Discussion" Lenten Series This year's Lenten Series will take place on each of four Wednesdays in March, the 3rd, the 10th, the 17th, and the 24th in the Vestry from 6 - 7 PM and is called "God Came Near." Everyone is welcome, so please plan on joining us for any or all sessions.

A Birthday Party! Everyone is invited!

When: Sunday, March 21 immediately following worship
Where: Church Vestry
For: Everyone - all ages
Why: To celebrate everyone!
Gifts: Please bring a "gift" to help restock our kitchen. This can be a wrapped gift or a cash donation.

Find the table celebrating your birthday month - donate your gift at that table - and then enjoy a delicious homemade cake in your honor.

Items Needed for the Kitchen

- White tablecloths, oblong size 120" in length, round size 60" or larger
- Aprons
- Potholders
- Dish Soap - for dishwasher or regular
- Pump hand soap
- Lysol Spray or other counter cleaners
- Clorox or other wipes
- Brillo or SOS Pads
- Sponges
- Measuring Cups
- Kitchen Timer (need 2)
- Insulated Coffee/Tea Carafes
- Water Pitchers
- Booster Seats
- High Chair (folding)
- Tea Bags

Gently used items are fine. Monetary donations will be used to purchase some of the more expensive items. We also would like to purchase a quantity of plain white mugs to use at suppers instead of using foam or paper cups. If every adult could spare \$1.00 toward this project, we could realize this dream. Look for "donation cups" and help us to be a little more green.

We hope to see everyone at the Party!
Jan Klebaur

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 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Thursday evenings from 5:30 - 8:00 pm, or any of 3 shifts on Fridays, 10:00 am to noon, noon - 3:00, or 3:00 - 5:00 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.

Sharing Resources, Changing Lives

Do you love me?...Feed my Sheep. John 21:15-17

In challenging times, we often wonder how much we can afford to sacrifice to help feed Jesus' sheep, when our own needs are barely being met. Perhaps only through prayer, can that question be answered. Do you recall the feeding of the 5,000 when Jesus asked the disciples to feed the hungry crowd. The disciples despaired (Mark 6:34-44). The five loaves and two fish seemed insignificant compared to the massive need. Yet with God's blessing, what seemed like so little, turned into a miracle of compassion for all.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, our gifts meet compelling needs, while also bringing the blessing of compassion into our own lives.

Magdalena Goes to School

In Belgrade, Serbia, Magdalena Tomic is a polite and quick student at Branko Pesic Primary School. Many of the students who attend her school are ethnic Roma and vulnerable to discrimination. With assistance from One Great Hour of Sharing and Church World Service, the parents of the children received small micro-credit loans and started their own businesses. Parents themselves enrolled in classes and learned new skills and new ways of earning a living. They are grateful for the opportunity to support their children's development too! Now the children are being fed, mind as well as bodies.

Excerpt from the OGHS Planning and Resource Guide of the United Church of Christ

A Jewel of an Organ!

When I last played our Allen organ, I had some difficulties with responses, which I mentioned to our Minister of Music, David Deardorff. He, along with the Church Council, approved my exploring obtaining a qualified technician to diagnose the organ problems and estimate the cost of repairs.

The Council cautioned not to exceed \$500 at this time.

After extensive inquiries, I focused on a highly recommended and experienced "organ doctor", Niel Orsa, from Portland who has serviced many in our area. He has an amazing knowledge of all makes of organs, including pipe organs and instruments like our Clavinova, with a particular fondness for Allen organs. When I told him that during the 200th bicentennial celebration of our country's celebration of independence, we had purchased in 1976 the first digital computer Allen model, he exclaimed, "Oh, that model is a jewel, you have a gem!" I was fascinated by his expertise and knowledge of organs and their maintenance. He explained that our organ was patterned as the first digital computer in 1976 and only after two years were other organ companies permitted to develop their own digital computer models.

The Clavinova is a versatile instrument, but the Allen has its own features and attributes, in particular when using computer cards, and can "knock the socks off the Clavinova!", to quote Mr. Orsa. The Clavinova was never intended to replace the Allen organ, but to use in conjunction with it. The Allen is used at weddings and funerals in particular and I enjoyed playing duets with David at Easter and Christmas time, etc. The two instruments compliment on another.

When the choir moved down front, it was not possible for David to play the organ and direct the choir at the same time. Thus, the purchase of the Clavinova. It has been mentioned that perhaps the organ could someday be moved down front to the right of the chancel where the extra pews are.

The Allen organ needs additional repair work, most importantly, a thorough cleaning as it is dreadfully dirty internally and has not been serviced for 8 to 10 years. The cleaning, which will take around 4 to 5 hours, plus the other repairs will cost approximately \$1,000. Mr. Orsa charges \$97/hour for labor and \$55/mile for travel.

Let's treasure our jewel/gem of an Allen organ!

Betty Syvinski

Senior Youth Group Schedule

March

- Sun 3/7 Regular Meeting 6-7:30 PM
 Sun 3/14 No Youth Group, BA vacation

April

- Sat 4/2 See Emily Beaudette in "Aida" at Marshwood High School
 Sun 4/11 Regular Meeting 6-7:30 PM
 Sun 4/18 No Youth Group ME Vacation Week
 Fri 4/23 PL Jump Start Weekend Friday - Sunday

May

- Sun 5/2 Regular Meeting 6-7:30 PM
 Sat 5/9 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 and Mission Trip - Dates TBD

Church Calendar - March 2010

- Wed, Mar 3** "Dessert & Discussion" Lenten Series, Vestry 6 - 7 PM
Choir practice, 7 PM in the Great Room
- Thu, Mar 4** Thrift Shop Closed, 5:30 - 8 PM; Community Food Pantry open, 6 - 7:30 PM
 SKAT, 6:30 - 9 PM at Jan Klebaun's, 24 Ross Street
- Fri, Mar 5** Office closed; Thrift Shop Closed
 Community Food Pantry open, 10 - 11:30 AM
- Sun, Mar 7** Before Worship, Prayer, 9:30 AM in the Shorey Room
 Worship/Communion Sunday, 10 AM; Sunday School
Auction Meeting, after Worship
- Mon, Mar 8** Financial Team meeting
- Tue, Mar 9** Church Council, 7 PM
- Wed, Mar 10** Dessert & Discussion" Lenten Series, Vestry 6 - 7 PM
 Board of Deacons meeting, 6 PM
Choir practice, 7 PM in the Great Room
- Thu, Mar 11** Thrift Shop Closed, 5:30 - 8 PM; Community Food Pantry open, 6 - 7:30 PM
- Fri, Mar 12** Church Office closed; Thrift Shop Closed
- Sun, Mar 14** Before Worship, Prayer, 9:30 AM in the Shorey Room
 Worship, 10 AM; No Sunday School classes today
- Mon, Mar 15** CE Committee meeting, 6:30 PM
- Wed, Mar 17** Dessert & Discussion" Lenten Series, Vestry 6 - 7 PM
Choir practice, 7 PM in the Great Room
- Thu, Mar 18** Thrift Shop open, 5:30 - 8 PM; Community Food Pantry open, 6 - 7:30 PM
 SKAT, 6:30 - 9 PM at Jan Klebaun's, 24 Ross Street
- Fri, Mar 19** Church Office closed; Thrift Shop open, 10 AM - 5 PM
 Community Food Pantry open, 10 - 11:30 AM
- Sat, Mar 20** Church Supper, 4 - 6 PM in the Vestry
- Sun, Mar 21** Before Worship, Prayer, 9:30 AM in the Shorey Room
 Worship, 10 AM; Sunday School classes
 VCT, 11:45 AM
- Wed, Mar 24** Dessert & Discussion" Lenten Series, Vestry 6 - 7 PM
Choir practice, 7 PM in the Great Room
- Thu, Mar 25** Thrift Shop open, 5:30 - 8 PM; Community Food Pantry open, 6 - 7:30 PM
- Fri, Mar 26** Church Office closed; Thrift Shop open, 10 AM - 5 PM
- Sun, Mar 28** Before Worship, Prayer, 9:30 AM in the Shorey Room
 Worship, 10 AM; Sunday School classes

Outside Groups Calendar - March 2010

- Mon, Mar 1** Al-Anon, 10 - 11:30 AM in Room 101
Community Chorus practice, 6 - 10 PM in the Great Room
AA, 7 PM in the Vestry
- Tue, Mar 2** "Gospel Music Project," 7-9 PM in the Great Room
- Wed, Mar 3** Fuel Assistance, 9 AM - 3 PM in Room 101
- Fri, Mar 5** W.I.C. Program, 8 AM - 4 PM in Room 101
AA, 7 PM in Room 101
- Sun, Mar 7** South Berwick Youth Soccer League, 7 PM
- Mon, Mar 8** Al-Anon, 10 - 11:30 AM in Room 101
Community Chorus practice, 6 - 10 PM in the Great Room
AA, 7 PM in the Vestry
- Tue, Mar 9** "Gospel Music Project," 7-9 PM in the Great Room
- Thur, Mar 11** Daisy Girl Scouts, 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
- Fri, Mar 12** W.I.C. Program, 8 AM - 4 PM in Room 101
AA, 7 PM in Room 101
- Mon, Mar 15** Al-Anon, 10 - 11:30 AM in Room 101
Community Chorus practice, 6 - 10 PM in the Great Room
AA, 7 PM in the Vestry
- Tue, Mar 16** "Gospel Music Project," 7-9 PM in the Great Room
- Wed, Mar 17** Fuel Assistance, 9 AM - 3 PM in Room 101
- Fri, Mar 19** W.I.C. Program, 8 AM - 4 PM in Room 101
AA, 7 PM in Room 101
- Mon, Mar 22** Al-Anon, 10 - 11:30 AM in Room 101
Community Chorus practice, 6 - 10 PM in the Great Room
AA, 7 PM in the Vestry
- Tue, Mar 23** "Gospel Music Project," 7-9 PM in the Great Room
- Thur, Mar 25** Daisy Girl Scouts, 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
St George's Berwick Group, 5:30 - 7:30 PM in the Vestry
- Fri, Mar 26** W.I.C. Program, 8 AM - 4 PM in Room 101
AA, 7 PM in Room 101