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Pastor's Message

November 2009 Pastor's Message

Mysterious flashing of an amber light from the battery signal on my laptop computer kept me wondering for several days...then I recalled that somewhere back in recent history, laptop batteries were causing fires and were dangerous. A recall was put out; and people were urged to check the serial numbers on their laptop batteries.

I had checked my serial numbers at that time, and I considered the matter dealt with. Of course, that was, what---five, six, seven, maybe eight years ago? I've had my laptop a long time, so finally the obvious began to dawn on me this week: perhaps my battery was more than weak or run down...perhaps my battery was dead. The battery gave me all it had, and the time had come; it's light had finally gone out.

Sometimes, people fall into the dead-battery zone. We give all we have for so long, with no relief, no back up, no respite that finally it comes to the moment of emotional or physical or even spiritual paralyzation (I made up that word). I have had some time to think about these things since my recent and ongoing bout with sciatica.

For the first time in 12+ years, I had to miss a Sunday morning worship because of illness. I just could not move without experiencing great physical pain. The pain was so bad, I could not even think, so I knew writing a sermon was out of the question. Who says, I asked myself, that we have to have a sermon *every* Sunday? The rationalization of an irrational woman, I guess. Didn't want to ruin my perfect attendance record!

Even though my "battery" had run down, yours kicked into highest gear. As soon as I admitted to myself that I could not, I began to see that all of you could. So many of you rose to the calling: Jim and Joanne had a message to share about Pilgrim Lodge and how God's Holy Spirit had moved them and

changed them; Julia Ouellette taught the children about the plentiful harvest; the music was as awesome as ever; Cheryl Estabrooke invoked absorbed the joys and concerns of the congregation and prayed eloquently on your behalf. Other deacons filled the roles in the service and all was well. A worshiper who had arrived feeling distressed left uplifted, making her glad to have worshiped with you that day.

All of those things might not have happened, at least not quite in that way, if I had dragged myself and my bad leg behind me all to feed my own need to have a perfect attendance record. My most important revelation, however, was that I WAS SO SAD NOT TO BE WITH YOU! I realized how much I look forward to our worship together and all the things we share because of it. And as I hobbled around at the Harvest Supper, I marveled at the gift of you. How deeply I am affected by you; I said to several of you who finally sat down to enjoy your own meal, "I love how you love each other."

I love how you love each other. What more can I say than that? Love is the eternal battery that never wears out, never stops running, and always gives all it can in the best way it knows how. You can't buy love anywhere—not that kind of love, anyway. when God is the source of all our love, then God will provide the power to move wherever God wants us to go...or to not go.

I thank you all for your love—the cards, the flowers, the meals, the calls, the warm embraces. You have recharged my batteries for sure!

Blessings, Rev Donna

A Letter from the Moderator

Dear Friends,

My employer recently notified me of a unique benefit – free “light therapy” to combat “seasonal affective disorder,” a syndrome that affects people who miss the summer sun. As grateful as I am both to have a job I like and for that benefit, I have to say that I was less than thrilled to get this added reminder that the days are getting shorter and 2009 is rapidly drawing to a close.

Luckily, the pace of events at our church is picking up too, which helps me ignore the shorter days. This month’s Church Council worked through a very full agenda – 4 new requests to use space in our church, plans for the upcoming Harvest Supper and reports from very active committees and groups. We got an update on plans to upgrade our heating system and a successful work day to improve its efficiency.

The Council also spent a good amount of time at its meeting reviewing the church’s financial situation. The good news is that we’re hitting the milestones for income and expenses set in the budget we adopted at annual meeting. The less good news is that we’ll need to continue to keep a very close watch on our budget as we go into the early months of 2010. The Council is committed to communicating openly about our financial situation while striving to keep our broader mission always at the forefront of our thoughts and prayers for our Church family. Please bring your questions about the budget to Marc Precourt, any member of Council, or me and we’ll provide or get answers for you.

The Council also reviewed our current informal policy regarding email communications in response to a very thoughtful inquiry. Currently, many email communications from our church to its members go out in an open format, which allows every recipient to see every other recipient’s email address. A member of our Church Family asked the Council to consider whether we should hide all recipients’ email addresses or hide the addresses of those who request it. The sense of the Council was that the church directory and other forms of communication within the Church are generally intended to promote and facilitate our connection with one another by sharing addresses, phone numbers and other information. Several Council members said that they have used “all church” emails as a means to find an email address of someone they needed to contact about church matters. Others expressed the view that the privilege of sharing access to this information carries with it an obligation to respect one another’s dignity, safety and privacy. I hope that this captures the sensitivity that the Council brought to thinking about the question. At any rate, the Council decided to keep the current practice of open email addresses. If you or someone you know would prefer to keep their email address private, please contact Reverend Donna, Marc Precourt or me and we’ll be sure to remove the address from the group list. If you believe that the Council reached the wrong conclusion you are also welcome to contact me.

As always, please do not hesitate to share questions, concerns or comments with me. Thank you for the chance to share in the work of this community of faith.

Charlie Putnam

HYMN STORIES: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” |



Robert Robinson, following the tradition of ministers of the time, wrote

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" as a hymn-poem for the conclusion of his sermon for Whitsunday, 1758. He was 23 years old at the time. It was published the following year in *A Collection of Hymns used by the Church of Christ in Angel Alley, Bishopsgate* (1759). There has been some speculation that it was written by the Countess of Huntingdon, but it is generally agreed to be the work of Robinson.

Originally "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" had four stanzas. The fourth stanza was omitted by Martin Madan in *Psalms and Hymns*, 1860 and has not been used since.

The statement in stanza two, "Here I raise my Ebenezer" refers to I Samuel 7:12, "Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen, and called its name Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the LORD has helped us." Ebenezer is the Hebrew for "Stone of Help." Israel had suffered defeat because of its sin. But the people had repented of their sin, God had helped them and they were victorious. Samuel placed the stone to remind Israel that God had them, their victory was because of Him.

In stanza three, Robinson speaks of being "prone to wonder, prone to leave the God I love". This seems to be a forecast of his later life, when he lapsed into sin, unstableness and involvement with Unitarianism.

There is a well-known story of Robinson, riding a stagecoach with a lady who was deeply engrossed in a hymnbook. Seeking to encourage him, she asked him what he thought of the hymn she was humming. Robinson burst into tears and said, "Madam, I am the poor unhappy man who wrote that hymn many years ago, and I would give a thousand worlds, if I had them, to enjoy the feelings I had then."

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise mine *Ebenezer**;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

(Original 4th stanza)

O that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in blood washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace;
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,
Take my ransomed soul away;
Send thine angels now to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

*What's An Ebenezer?

By: Dr. Gregory S. Neal

I love questions. I love asking them and I love being asked ... if nothing else, they keep the brain juices flowing! No one should ever be afraid of questions; God certainly isn't afraid of questions, and neither should we be afraid of them. If the beginning of wisdom is fear of the Lord – and it is – then the next step on the path to wisdom is being willing and able to say: "I don't know." Only God is omniscient, and until we are willing to admit that we don't know something, we'll never be able to learn anything new. Think about that!

In short, I love being asked questions that stump me. Why? Because those kinds of questions make me dig, study, and learn something I didn't know before. Even if I don't find a satisfactory answer, it's not a loss; I've opened my mind and learned something new. And that's the essence of wisdom: being open to learning something new. The instant one closes their mind and refuses to learn something new – or thinks they already know "it" all – is the instant when they begin to die.

One of the questions that I've been asked several times in the past – and which has caused me to dig into the Bible and really learn something new – was the meaning of the term "Ebenezer."

"What is an Ebenezer, anyway?"

That's a good question! I always chuckle at the visual images which still come into my mind when we sing hymn No. 400: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing." The words are wonderful, but when we come to verse 2, and the words: "Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come..." I cannot shake the mental image of someone holding up Ebenezer Scrooge.

While a humorous image, an Ebenezer is not a grizzled old miser who keeps his office way too cold and doesn't pay Bob Cratchet enough. The term comes from Scripture, so let's see what Scripture has to say.

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Jeshanah, and named it Ebenezer; for he said, "Thus far the LORD has helped us." So the Philistines were subdued and did not again enter the territory of Israel; the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

The towns that the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron to Gath; and Israel recovered their territory from

the hand of the Philistines. There was peace also between Israel and the Amorites. (1 Samuel 7:12-14 NRSV)

The word "Ebenezer" comes from Hebrew and is actually two words pronounced together: *Even Haazer*. Written in Hebrew it looks like this:

אֶבֶנֶן הָעֵזֶר

It is usually transliterated as a proper name by dropping the definite article (*Ha*) from the Hebrew word for "help" (*Ezer*) and putting it together with the Hebrew word for "stone" (*Even*) to create: "Ebenezer." The etymological roots of the word, thus defined, should demonstrate that an "Ebenezer" is, literally, a "Stone of Help."

In 1 Samuel 4:1-11 and 5:1, the Ebenezer is strangely identified with a particular site, about four miles south of Gilgal, where the Israelites were twice defeated by the Philistines and the Ark of the Covenant was stolen. These battles took place, however, before the site was actually named Ebenezer. It was like someone saying that Dinosaurs once lived in Dallas county -- they did, but not when this area was called "Dallas." Likewise, the two battles mentioned in 1 Samuel 4 and 5 took place at Ebenezer, but some time before it was so-named.

The site wasn't named Ebenezer until after the Israelites finally defeated the Philistines, and took back the Ark of the Covenant. To commemorate the victorious battle, Samuel set up a marker-stone, named it "Stone of Help," and thereby the site became identified with the stone and with the place where God's miraculous help aided them in their victory over the Philistines. The stone, standing up-right, was called "Ebenezer," and the site naturally took on that name as well.

Literally speaking, an Ebenezer is a "stone of help," or a reminder of God's Real, Holy Presence and Divine aid. Spiritually and theologically speaking, an Ebenezer can be nearly anything that reminds us of God's presence and help: the Bible, the Sacramental Elements, a cross, a picture, a fellow believer, a hymn – those things which serve as reminders of God's love, God's Real Presence, and God's assistance are "Ebenezers."

Each Thanksgiving I give thanks to God for the wonderful Ebenezers that God has given me in my life and ministry. Most especially among these, I thank God for my Church family -- the many wonderful saints within my congregations who have upheld me, daily, with their prayers,

their words of encouragement, and their acts of service. May each and every one of us always be blessed by the grace and peace of Jesus Christ through the Ebenezers that God has placed in our lives!

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My Favorite Old-Time Poem

(Contributed by Betty Syvinski)

Taken from the October/November 2009 issue of the "Reminisce" magazine

"In the 1930's, the preacher at our country church often read this poem—it may have been one of his favorites—and I also found a copy in my mother's scrapbook."

-- Lucille Stamper, Danville, Indiana

I've never made a fortune
And it's probably too late now.
But I don't worry about that much,
I'm happy anyhow.

And as I go along life's way,
I'm reaping better than I sowed,
I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I don't have a lot of riches,
And sometimes the going's tough.
But I've got loved ones around me,
And that makes me rich enough.

I thank God for his blessings,
And the mercies he's bestowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I remember times when things went wrong,
My faith wore somewhat thin.
But all at once the dark clouds broke,
And the sun peeped through again.
So God, help me not to gripe
About the tough rows that I've hoed.
I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage
When the way grows steep and rough,
I'll not ask for other blessings,
I'm already blessed enough.
And may I never be too busy
To help others bear their loads.
Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer.
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

--John Paul Moore

From the Deacons

The Deacons met on Oct. 14th. We discussed the retreat held on Oct. 3rd which was a great success. We reviewed and discussed the results of the Every Member Canvas and decided to continue with the discussion until the remainder have been completed.

Rev. Donna has implemented a class for new members. Potential new members will meet with the Deacons Thurs. Nov. 5th.

We discussed the special services for Dec. AKA – Aids Service, Dec. 1 @ 7:00 pm – Christmas Pageant, Dec. 13 – Blue Christmas, Tues. Dec. 15 – New Member Sunday, Dec. 20 – Christmas Eve Service 6:30 pm family oriented service – later service at 11:30 – Midnight.

We appointed Dave Stansfield to the Building Use Team and discussed the pictorial directory from Olan Mills.



FPFC PRAYER CHAIN

There's a holy, high vocation
Needing workers everywhere;
'Tis the highest form of service,
'Tis the ministry of prayer. - Woodworth

Do you believe in the power of prayer? If so, please join us in our church's newest endeavor, the FPFC Prayer Chain.

Everyone is invited to join the FPFC Prayer Chain.

A prayer chain is a list of names & telephone numbers of people willing to pray for others as needed.

Here is how it works: the contact person receives a call from either the pastor/person in need of prayers, they pray, then call the first person on the list and ask them to pray for that person/situation. Than that person says a prayer and calls the next one on the list and so on. If the person (who is next on the list) is unavailable you leave a brief message (they'll say prayers when they get the message) and you'll go on to the next person on the phone list until you speak to someone, they will then call

From the Christian Education Committee

On Monday, Oct 19, 2009 the Christian Education Committee held a very productive meeting. We reviewed and discussed the results of the Every Member Canvass that pertained to Christian Ed which includes both adult and youth education issues. The good news is that many of the issues/comments have already been addressed. Some examples are painting of the toddler room, more teachers/effort for Sunday School, more adult classes are being offered, and increase in Youth Group activities/trips.

The Senior Youth Group is planning a movie night on Friday, November 6th, 2009. They are also planning a Mission Trip for the spring. How exciting for them!

The Advent Simple Suppers will all be held on Wednesdays, Dec. 2nd, 9th, & 16th, and Monday Dec. 21st from 5:30 – 7 PM. The CE Committee will provide childcare & crafts for the youth. This year's theme will be "Hallelujah the Bible and Handel's Messiah" lead by Rev. Donna. We will be exploring biblical texts and how they are interpreted musically in Messiah. You don't have to be an expert in music or the Bible to benefit from this course.

the next person and so on. You can pick the hours that you'll be available to receive phone calls; you may not be available during the day, early evening hours, etc. Whatever works for you will work for us.

We'd also like to add an e-mail prayer list for those who don't/can't be contacted by telephone. This will go out in a mass e-mail stating the person/situation for prayers. All you'll need to do is pray.

To get on either list please see me at Coffee Hour or feel free to contact me at home 205-201-2472, on my cell 603-822-6322 or by e-mail marymelanson@metrocast.net

"Be patient in trouble, and always be prayerful".
Romans 12:12

Love, Light, & Peace,
Mary Melanson

Your only requirements are as follows:

- An interest in learning more about the Bible,
- A desire to appreciate Handel's Messiah,
- A commitment to read & study the materials provided in each group session,
- A commitment to attend the weekly group sessions.

The children's Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 13th. Practice will be during Sunday School with the exception of one practice which will be on Friday, Dec. 11th from 3:15 - 5 PM. In the next few weeks the children will be choosing which program that they want to perform this year.

We'd like to thank Judi Connelly for all her hard work in transforming the Sunday School classrooms. If you haven't seen them yet, take a minute to check them out; they are truly amazing and the children are starting to take ownership of each of their rooms.

The next CE meeting will be held on Monday, November 16th at 6:30 PM.

Love, Light & Peace,
Mary Melanson CE Member

Social Action & Mission Committee (SAM)

The SAM committee was assigned to address the concerns below from the Every Member Canvass survey.

Many items were being addressed, but the congregation's awareness of that needs to improve. Look for more "Notes from SAM" in the Triangle and Weekly Announcements so we all can be aware of how our church serves through Social Action and Mission.

Other items will be addressed as follows:

- ***"A coffee house gathering would be a positive (like Kennebunk Unitarian Church)"***
- ***"Need to do more local missions" and "Should reach out to community more"***
 - a. We are currently responsible for staffing the Food Pantry once a month. There will be a sign-up sheet to provide an opportunity for members of the congregation to volunteer, too.
 - b. We are setting up a collection of items needed for the Food Pantry at Worship so all can take part in this ministry.
 - c. We are 'advertising' Angel Food Ministries for anyone who would like to buy food through their organization.
 - d. We will organize the collection of Christmas gifts for one or more local families.
 - e. We will be putting out a Giving Tree for needed church supplies.
 - f. We will be distributing the proceeds from the November Turkey Supper to local organizations such as My Friend's Place based on their needs

to help families in the area for the Holidays.

- g. We are looking at possibly holding a Crop Walk during the next year.
 - h. We are researching how/if we can support our troops overseas, their families here, and the sailors and their families who are stationed in Kittery right now.
- ***"If the Church is having financial difficulties, why is more money going to other countries" and "Need to make sure there is a balance between local and world mission"***
 - a. We are called to serve all those in need regardless of where they are located. Money raised or dedicated to mission is shared by needs of both local and world missions. We are supporting all of the local mission work listed in the previous survey item response. The church's budgeted sponsorship of World mission has been changed from Compassion International to Daisy's Children, so we have a much closer connection to the recipient. In future Triangles, we will let you know more about our child.
 - b. There will be 4 Mission Suppers again this year. Proceeds from 2 of the "mission" Turkey Suppers will go toward local missions, and 2 will go to foreign missions. Previous recipients have been the AMIGOS Project and Daisy's Children. These funds are raised for specific purposes as we are aware that our congregation is greatly rewarded when the members who serve in the mission fields can bring us first-hand accounts of how our worldwide support makes a difference in the lives of others.

Notes from Sam

Food Co-op Opportunity ~ Angel Food Ministries

There are **no restrictions, conditions or forms** to fill out to purchase Angel Food. The food relief program is open to one and all. Anyone may purchase an unlimited number of boxes of Angel Food by placing an order with a local Angel Food host site. Food is ordered through and picked up at the host site. Orders may also be placed online. Our closest host site is St George Episcopal Church in York Harbor. A box of food is \$30.00 designed to assist a family of four for one week or a Senior for a month. Additional boxes of meats or fruits are available. The menus change monthly. Information is available at www.angelfoodministries.com.

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing food relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. The program began in 1994 with 34 families in Monroe, Georgia and has grown to serve hundreds of thousands of families every month across 35 states. Angel Food Ministries crosses denominational lines and has spread the good news of the gospel of Christ through salvation tracts that are placed in each food order.

Additional information will be available in Sunday's bulletins and through the church office. Please share this information with anyone you know who could benefit.

Visitation and Care Team

The Visitation and Care Team continues to provide comfort and support to the people of our Congregation and the community. Our last meeting was held on September 27th, at which time we touched base with Reverend Donna to keep her informed of the Team's activity. Our display and the donated angels were also presented to the group. The display is now on the piano in the Vestry. The angels are also on display in the Narthex in a curio cabinet on loan from Reverend Donna. Lorraine Thomas, Mary Stansfield, Jen and Wayne Boston and I were in attendance and reported to Reverend Donna on our activities. Clayton Estabrooke was also invited to attend.

The Worship and Caregiver Support partnership between FPFC and the Southern Maine Area on Aging (SMAA) continued on September 16th and October 7th, with our focus on Elders and the Families and Friends Who

Care for Them. AnneMarie Catanzano was again with us to provide caregiver support to anyone who was attending and in need. My sincere thanks go out to Reverend Donna, for the spiritual guidance she provided; AnneMarie, for coming down from South Portland to participate in our programs and provide information and guidance; Betty Syvinski, who provided music and contributed so much to the fellowship we all shared; and Clayton Estabrooke for the wonderful lunches he planned, prepared, and served to us as he contributed to the fellowship. This program could not have been a success without all of them. My heart-felt thanks go out to Marilyn Whitaker, Lena Dunton and her caregiver, Marilyn for their faithful attendance. Reverend Donna and I will meet later to redefine the group's focus.

Cheryl Estabrooke

Church Supper Saturday, November 14 (Mission Supper)

time of 4 PM)

*Please join us for a great meal and great fellowship (bring all your friends!!!) to our Saturday, November 14, 2009 Turkey Dinner. Dine from 4 – 6 PM on turkey with all the fixins,' stuffing, veggies, homemade biscuits, homemade desserts. Adult tickets are \$8 adult's, \$5 children through age 12, under 2 are free. Hope to see you all there! (**please note the earlier start***

This supper we will be raising funds to benefit families in need this Holiday season. Please consider helping to serve or provide needed food donations toward this worthwhile cause. We will donate proceeds to area programs like My Friends' Place, The Dover Children's Home etc, based on the needs they encounter this season.

Christmas Fair

Our annual Christmas Craft Fair and More, will be held on Friday and Saturday, December 4th and 5th. On Friday evening, the public is invited to assemble on the Church steps at 5:30 pm to carol and stroll the village. Join us in the church vestry from 5pm to 8pm, where the Quint-Essential Winds will be providing music and an assortment of soups, breads, and warm beverages will be offered for free. Handmade

crafts and live, decorated wreaths are available for purchase, On Saturday, the Christmas Fair and More hours are 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. The fair will include various handmade crafts, cookies, other assorted baked goods, homemade food items, a SERRV table, along with wreaths, an assortment of themed gift baskets and the ever-popular White Elephant sale. A luncheon will be available on Saturday. For more information please contact the church at 207-384-4091.

Parish Nursing

Our Parish Nurse, Lorraine Thomas, will be holding Flu Clinics at church when the shots are available. Please stay tuned for more information.

Church Calendar ~ November 2009

- Sun, Nov 1** Before Worship, Prayer, 9:30 AM in the Shorey Room
Worship/Communion Sunday, 10 AM; Sunday School Classes
- Mon, Nov 2** PPRT, 6:30 PM in Rev Donna's office
"Foundations of Faith" Adult Bible Study Group, 7 PM at the Ouellettes home
- Tue, Nov 3** Church Council Walk Through, 6 PM
S.A.M. Committee meeting, 7
- Wed, Nov 4** Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 PM
Cantata Choir practice, 7 - 8 PM followed by regular Choir practice at 8 PM in Great Room, 3rd floor, church building
- Thur, Nov 5** Thrift Shop open, 5:30 - 8 PM
South Berwick Community Food Pantry open, 6 - 7:30 PM
- Fri, Nov 6** Church Office closed
Thrift Shop open, 10 AM - 5 PM
Exploring Membership Class, 7 PM
- Sat, Nov 7** Movie Night, hosted by Youth Group for all friends of FPFC, 7 - 9:30 PM at the Church
- Sun, Nov 8** Before Worship, Prayer, 9:30 AM in the Shorey Room
Worship, 10 AM; Sunday School Classes
- Mon, Nov 9** "Foundations of Faith" Adult Bible Study Group, 7 PM at the Ouellettes home
(This will be the last gathering until after the Holidays)
- Tue, Nov 10** Church Council, 7 PM
- Wed, Nov 11** Office closed to observe the Veterans' Day holiday
Board of Deacons meeting, 7 PM
Cantata Choir practice, 7 - 8 PM followed by regular Choir practice at 8 PM in Great Room, 3rd floor, church building
- Sat, Nov 14** Church Supper (to benefit a SAM project), 4 - 6 PM in the Vestry
- Sun, Nov 15** Before Worship, Prayer, 9:30 AM in the Shorey Room
Worship, 10 AM; Sunday School Classes
- Mon, Nov 16** Christian Education Committee meeting, 6:30 PM
- Wed, Nov 18** Olan Mills Portraits, 2 - 8:30 PM at the Eliot Baptist Church
Cantata Choir practice, 7 - 8 PM followed by regular Choir practice at 8 PM in Great Room, 3rd floor, church building
- Thur, Nov 19** Thrift Shop open, 5:30 - 8 PM
South Berwick Community Food Pantry open, 6 - 7:30 PM
- Fri, Nov 20** Church Office closed
Thrift Shop open, 10 AM - 5 PM
South Berwick Community Food Pantry open, 10 - 11:30 AM

- Sun, Nov 22** Before Worship, Prayer, 9:30 AM in the Shorey Room
Worship, 10 AM; Sunday School Classes
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, 7 PM at First Congregational Church, Eliot
- Mon, Nov 23** Triangle Deadline
- Wed, Nov 25** Cantata Choir practice, 7 - 8 PM followed by regular Choir practice
at 8 PM in Great Room, 3rd floor, church building
- Thur, Nov 26** Church Office to observe the holiday. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!!!!
Thrift Shop closed
South Berwick Community Food Pantry closed
- Fri, Nov 27** Church Office closed
Thrift Shop closed
- Sun, Nov 29** Before Worship, Prayer, 9:30 AM in the Shorey Room
Worship, 10 AM; No Sunday School Classes

Outside Groups Calendar ~ November 2009

- Sun, Nov 1** South Berwick Youth Soccer League, 7 PM
- Mon, Nov 2** Al-Anon, 10 - 11:30 AM in Room 101
Community Chorus, 6 PM
AA, 7 PM in the Vestry
- Tue, Nov 3** "Gospel Music Project," 7-9 PM, Great Room
- Wed, Nov 4** Fuel Assistance, 9 AM - 3 PM in Room 101
- Fri, Nov 5** W.I.C. Program, 8 AM-4 PM, Room 101
AA, 7 PM, Room 101
- Mon, Nov 9** Al-Anon, 10 - 11:30 AM in Room 101
Community Chorus, 6 PM in the Great Room
AA, 7 PM in the Vestry
- Tue, Nov 10** "Gospel Music Project," 7-9 PM, Great Room
- Fri, Nov 13** W.I.C. Program, 8 AM-4 PM, Room 101
AA, 7 PM, Room 101
- Mon, Nov 16** Al-Anon, 10 - 11:30 AM in Room 101
Community Chorus, 6 PM in the Great Room
AA, 7 PM in the Vestry
- Tue, Nov 17** "Gospel Music Project," 7-9 PM, Great Room
- Wed, Nov 18** Fuel Assistance, 9 AM - 3 PM in Room 101
- Fri, Nov 20** W.I.C. Program, 8 AM-4 PM, Room 101
AA, 7 PM, Room 101
- Sun, Nov 22** Community Chorus Extra Practice, 2 - 3:30 PM in the Great Room
- Mon, Nov 23** Al-Anon, 10 - 11:30 AM in Room 101
Community Chorus, 6 PM in the Great Room
AA, 7 PM in the Vestry
- Tue, Nov 24** "Gospel Music Project," 7-9 PM, Great Room
- Fri, Nov 27** W.I.C. Program, 8 AM-4 PM, Room 101
AA, 7 PM, Room 101
- Sun, Nov 29** Community Chorus "Snow Date" Practice, 2 - 3:30 PM in the Great Room
- Mon, Nov 30** Al-Anon, 10 - 11:30 AM in Room 101
Community Chorus, 6 PM in the Great Room