



THE CHURCH ON THE CAPE

A United Methodist Church

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SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2004 NEWSLETTER

From the Pastor

"How was your summer?" That's the most often-asked question at this time of year, so here goes!

On the home front, Julie spent her first week at church camp - Camp Mechuwana in Winthrop, Maine. (Now she's eager for next year's "Aquatic Week".) Dick flew to Thailand - helping set-up efficiency standards for refrigeration. And I got to attend Pastors' Assembly at Geneva Point on Lake Winnepesaukee. The highlight there was the chance to meet our new bishop, Peter Weaver. If the laity experience the same kind of excitement in meeting him, as the pastors did, amazing things are going to start to happen. Dick and I spent our 3rd session at Camp Sunshine (Oncology week). As a family, we finished the summer with a (thrilling) white-water rafting experience on the Penobscot. My biggest personal accomplishment was that, at last, on August 11, I got a chance to go lobstering! (Not the scenic cruise, this was the real 5 a.m. variety.)

On the church front, the Holy Spirit had a hay day. The Kitchen Shower for the Acker family was a stirring occasion. Someone called it "The Church on the Cape at its finest!" We had a Fourth of July concert that was so rousing, I couldn't sleep that night. Beryl Samia led a Hymn Sing, and we almost didn't let her leave the bench. Eighteen artists exhibited at Created to Create Sunday. The proceeds from the Strawberry Shortcake went to the Outreach Committee.

The children spent a really fine week at Vacation Bible School - "Hero Quest". The girls - and their mothers and grandmothers, graced us with their presence at Kit's American Girl Tea Party. We had FOUR winners of the 'What Would Jesus Do?' contest: and what service the children rendered this summer! We had a Dessert Theater (for Outreach) which revealed incredible talent (but in my case, a lack thereof). We had notable preaching from Gale Hull, the recipient of the Conference's service award, who preached on "Haiti" - and Cynthia King-Guffey on "Freedom". Those were sermons to remember!

And there's more.... But, I'll stop. You get the idea. We were blessed over and over, and I am ever so grateful to you and to Him.

His... Yours,
Ruth Merriam (Rev.).

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Hurricane Relief in Florida!

United Methodist disaster specialists are calling upon congregations to help respond to the recent hurricanes that have struck Florida. Churches can respond by making donations to the United Methodist Committee on Relief. If you want to help, you can make a check out to the church and then in the byline write "UMCOR" Advance #982410 - "Hurricanes 2004". Put it in the collection plate, and know that in this time of need, you will have made a difference.

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Acker Shower

Debbi Lord

On Wednesday, August 4, 2004 the Vestry room was decorated with balloons and bows plus being filled with gifts donated by our incredibly loving and generous church family. In the center of the Parlor was a table laden with flowers and food. These two rooms were the setting for a Kitchen/Paper Goods Shower given for George and Janet Acker's son, Glenn, and his family. As you know, Glenn, Darcy, Amber, Alisha and Sophia lost their Vermont home to fire in July of this year. The house burned to the ground and all their belongings, such as clothes, household items, pictures, toys, journals, Alisha's art work, papers and much, much more were destroyed.

The purpose of the shower was to help stock the kitchen of the Ackers rental unit so Darcy would be able to cook and bake for the family while they were trying to reorganize their lives. A list of needed items was posted on Sunday morning before services. By Sunday afternoon all requested items had been checked off by our parishioners and people were asking for more suggestions of items to give. The response was overwhelming.

The day of the shower, Darcy and the three girls were in attendance along with Janet. Their thankfulness and amazement was a joy to behold. As the family and participants assembled around the gifts in the Vestry Room, Pastor Ruth offered a prayer of thankfulness for the safety of the Acker family and for the generosity of our church family. Three year old Sophia had been given age appropriate toys by some very thoughtful persons. She took each toy, one by one, to everyone in the room, sharing her excitement as she showed the item. On display in the Parlor were some new drawings and sketches that Alisha had completed after the fire.

A huge 'thank you' goes to Debbie Parsons for her creative shower idea. She was assisted in the planning and preparation of the event by members of The Ministry of Caring. Another grateful 'thank you' goes to all the special people who donated the innovative and useful items that filled the Vestry room and now fill the closets in Glenn and Darcy's interim home. Another appreciative 'thank you' goes to everyone who donated refreshments and participated in the party. Their presence was a supportive gift to the Ackers. Also, many, many 'thanks' to all who helped pack the items in boxes for transporting after the shower.

The Holy Spirit was certainly in attendance on Wednesday, August 4th and was experienced by everyone involved in this extraordinary occasion.

Men's Breakfast

Rich Parsons

At 8:00 in the morning on the third Saturday of each month the men of the church gather for an hour or so to enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by one of us. We all take turns in preparing the meal. The discussions and the fellowship that follow are interesting and informative. Several times each year, after breakfast, the men join together to help with the many odd jobs and repairs that help keep our church looking good and functioning well. Please join us if you are able. We look forward to fellowship with you.

Harvest Fair

Alice Bruton

Here we go again! The Harvest Fair is Saturday, November 20th. We will be asking for your donations once again. There will be a pie table, baked goods table, Guild and Evening Group tables, fresh fall flower arrangements and "elegant things" table.

Note: NO yard sale items for this fair as it is all indoors and we have limited space.

This is an advance notice to get the date on your calendar and so that you can keep it in mind when traveling and you see that gift item that just might be perfect to sell at the fair.

More information as the time gets nearer.

Women's Guild

Barbara Milanese

The Women's Guild meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the church. All are welcome to join us. The October meeting will be held October 12th.

We will have a new supply of Rada knives shortly if anyone needs any. We will also have a catalog available at the Fair if anyone would like us to order something special.

"What's Around the Corner"

Rev. Ruth Merriam

In anticipation of the coming days, we're expecting autumnal splendor: clear blue skies and leaves of rich red, and gold. And we're also expecting grace upon grace - every Sunday morning. We can expect Monica or Carl to lead us in pre-service Hymn Sings, we can expect a robust choir to sing God's praises, we can expect our organist to play with every fiber of her soul, we can expect full congregations, we can expect Penny to complain - and we can expect 'something different' each week from the pulpit!

This coming Sunday, September 19, is Rally Day when we focus on our children. Each of them will be recipients of a lovely gift... sent all the way from Peru. Their agenda for this first Sunday of the upcoming year is 'fun', because joy is what the Kingdom of God is all about - and we want them to know that. On the 26th of September, having just come from the installation of our new bishop, my focus will be on - "Vision". On October 3, we will observe World Wide Communion Sunday, we will witness the holy baptism of Zachary Ridlon, and after the service we will honor St. Francis by hosting our 3rd Annual 'Blessing of the Animals' ceremony (to be held outdoors, right after the service). We're still in the planning stages of a field trip: a flashlight hike, to be hosted by the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray. Sound exciting? Stay tuned. On October 10, we welcome Rev. Bill Gardei back to the pulpit! This will be a very special Sunday for him, because on the 15th, he'll reach a 'landmark birthday'. Come find out which one! On October 17, (Laity Sunday) you'll find out which lay person in our church has been selected to lead worship that day. (Roy Bruton does the planning for this service months in advance.) The 24th day of October is Fire Prevention Sunday, which means that we'll be drawing firemen from our own congregation to instruct the children that morning. And we'll finish out the month on Halloween, when we will observe All Saints. So much to look forward to! Come, join us! If you do, you'll be greeted and ignited by the Spirit.

Ministry of Caring

Debbi Lord

On Wednesday, September 8th, the Ministry of Caring joined together again in the parlor of the church with eighteen members present. After a very busy summer for each of us, it was special to reconnect around the table. Our ministry for July and August included visits, sending cards and notes, providing meals, delivering Teddy Bears and balloons, phone calls, transportation and constant prayer for the many persons in need. Also, this summer, we were saddened at the death of four of our Ministry friends –Bob Bond, Merriam Bond, Debbie Matthews and Arline Thompson.

Pastor Ruth opened our meeting with prayer directed toward the blessing of gifts given and received. Enrichment was presented by Lorraine Hutchins, who shared her experiences as a Court Appointed Visitor. She gave the definitions of several legal terms related to her work and then explained the requirements and duties of this important and demanding job. We are most grateful to Lorraine for talking to us about information related to the legal avenues available for those who are no longer able to make responsible decisions for themselves. At the end of her talk, Lorraine provided each person with a copy of "Adult Guardianship Conservatorship – Questions and Answers. This material was compiled by the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Elder and Adult Services. Future speakers are Margery Gambell, who will talk about "Home Instead - Senior Care" and Nancy Treadwell, who will guide us in "Taking Care of the Caregiver".

At the conclusion of our meeting, Roy Bruton offered a prayer focused on being grateful for each moment and living that moment as fully as possible. The Ministry of Caring is open to everyone who has an interest in sharing the love of Christ through service to their fellow parishioners, as needed. If you would like to join us please call Debbi Lord or the Church Office for more information.

Annual Blessing of the Animals!

Our annual Blessing of the Animals will be after church on Sunday, October 3-bring your best friend to be blessed, or come and show your appreciation for someone else's best friend!

Dear Members and Friends of The Church on the Cape,

As many of you know, on July 24th our son, Glenn, and his family had a devastating family fire. Just before they arrived to begin their vacation in ME, we got word that their home had totally burned. This was a Saturday and after church on Sunday I came to ask for volunteers to bake for the Talent Show. When Monday rolled around calls came from church members and the Ministry of Caring came to bring our 3 granddaughters "Caring Bears" and cookies. The girls were so pleased. By Wednesday a kitchen shower was arranged and the following Wednesday a kitchen shower/tea party was held. What a loving and caring group you are. Besides food products so many additional items were offered and Darcy and the girls were totally overwhelmed. That day Darcy headed back to VT with a car full of items to start the refurbishing of a kitchen as well as other needed items. George and I went on Saturday with our van loaded with gifts of love. We wanted to tell you how much it has meant to us and our family to have been held in your loving care. Your care truly lifted our son and his family when they were in need. At this point, a new foundation has been poured and Glenn is on the way to rebuilding. Thank you for your loving concern.
Janet and George Acker

Mary Had a Little Lamb

Monica Lyon

*Mary had a little lamb,
His fleece was white as snow.
And every where that Mary went
The lamb was sure to go.
He followed her to school each day
T'was even in the rule.
It made the children laugh and play
To have a lamb at school.
And then the rule it changed one day
Illegal it became;
To bring the Lamb of God to school,
Or even speak His name.
Every day got worse and worse,
And days turned into years
Instead of hearing children laugh,
We heard gunshots and tears.
What must we do to stop the crime
That's in our schools today
Let's let the lamb come back to school
And teach our kids to pray!*

Bible Study at our Church

Bill Lord

A new Bible Study course was initiated this spring by Beryl and Jerry Samia. Each Wednesday night, Beryl meets with the women and Jerry with the men. There is no better testimony to the effectiveness of these classes than the comments of some of those who attend:

"Beryl is a knowledgeable leader who accepts us as we are and where we are in our journey." *Debbi Lord*

"What I most appreciate is the freedom to discuss and explore our personal beliefs...Our members bring different perspectives to the word." *Dick Merriam*

"I learned so much from the Bible Study group. It has enriched my life more than I can say." *Prudence Quint*

"Beryl's weekly Bible Study gave me a spiritual renewal as we began to rediscover the life and love of Jesus, our Lord and Savior." *Debbie Parsons*

"Our Men's Bible Study led by Jerry Samia is special for me...because of my fellow students and our teacher. We have really bonded together for this portion of our individual faith journey. I always feel refreshed and hopeful after prayer and study." *David C. Smith*

"The Wednesday evening Bible Study with Beryl Samia and the women has been a wonderful Christian experience. I urge you all to consider becoming a part of this study and interpretation of the scriptures." *Alice Bruton*

"I think the best thing about studying the bible with a group of people is the inevitable light dawning when various verses of scripture are explained and/or discussed. Suddenly the scriptures mean something. This has been true of the women's group that meets with me."
Beryl Samia

The Samias will continue to lead Bible classes this fall, on Wednesday's, at 7:00 p.m. It's an exciting Christian learning process. Do join in.

Musical Notes

Choir rehearsals have begun for the fall season. The Senior Choir started meeting on Thursday, September 2, 2004 at 7:00 PM in the parlor. Anyone who loves to sing and would like to become a part of this wonderful group of devoted singers, please join us anytime.

The Youth Choir rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 19th at 11:15 AM, immediately following the church service. Any child, grade 2 through grade 6 is welcomed and encouraged to join this choir. At least one parent of each child is asked to come to the first choir rehearsal for a short meeting with me. Beautiful Youth Choir robes, given in memory of Linda Garland, are here and ready for use.

Cherub Choir will resume in October, date to be announced.

The Chime Choir has begun rehearsals and will play in a service sometime in October. Anyone interested in being a part of this group, please speak to me.

**In His Service,
Beryl**

Buoys!!!!

The Evening Group is purchasing 20 more unfinished buoys for our artists to paint for our fall fair. These will be available soon (watch your Sunday bulletins) in the church office for you to take and return in time for the fall Harvest Fair which is Saturday, November 20th. Please let Alice Bruton know if you take one or more. You can paint any theme you choose. Those not selling at the fall fair will be sold at the next summer fair. We sold all we had at the last fair with the nautical theme being most popular. A few with a nautical Christmas theme would also be nice.

Finance Committee

Alice Bruton

Your Finance Committee is meeting regularly during the next few weeks to prepare the 2005 Budget and to get the information out for Pledge Sunday. As of the end of August all bills are paid and the income is keeping pace with the expenses. This is a faithful pledging church with very generous friends and members. We thank you all for your support which enables this church to be such a beacon in the community and elsewhere as well as a place to find Christian fellowship and the peace and grace of God.

Hymn Sing

Monica Lyon

Sunday, August 22nd at 6:30 p.m. about 50 of us eager, enthusiastic singers gathered in the church for our first ever evening hymn sing. It was an informal time of great fellowship as we shared choosing favorite hymns to enjoy. And to top it off, there was an ice cream social following the hymn sing put on by the Music Committee. Thanks to everyone who pitched in with the set up, clean up, and making all the wonderful homemade toppings. Beryl and the Music Committee will be sponsoring more of these from time to time, so come and bring a friend or two!

Evening Group

Alice Bruton

The Evening Group met on Monday evening September 13th for a pot luck supper. Twelve of our ladies brought a dish representative of their country of origin. There were many countries represented such as Sweden, Italy, England, Scotland, Macedonia, and Germany. There was a wonderful abundance of foods and the fellowship was great too. Following dinner we brainstormed our monthly programs for the remainder of the year through next June. Each month has a chairman who will handle the devotion, program and simple refreshments. We are looking forward to a diversity of programs such as hearing a representative from E-Quest, the therapeutic riding school in West Kennebunk; a representative from York County Extension on a subject to be announced; a financial planner speaking to women's issues; the Doubleday's telling us all about Iceland; a field trip to Annie Hidell's art studio; a video on Alpha; a game night to banish the winter blues; our annual Christmas dinner with the Guild; and our annual June banquet. This looks like a great year to come. As always, we invite any woman in the church to join with us at any time – one meeting or all of them – come when you can. The dates and times of each of these programs will be announced in our Sunday Bulletin and newsletters as we finalize them. If the evening is of interest to you please do come!

The October meeting will be on Monday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. We hope to have someone from E-Quest as our guest so watch your Sunday bulletins for more information.



Death of Creator of UM Cross and Flame Logo

Edward J. Mikula, 88, the artist who designed the United Methodist Church's insignia-the Cross and Flame-died June 20 in

Terre Haute IN. Mikula and Edwin H. Maynard, editorial director, worked for United Methodist Communications' predecessor agency, the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation. Historical information about the Cross and Flame states that early on the two men decided the design "should be simple, bold, instantly recognizable, obviously Christian and uniquely Wesleyan." The Cross and Flame was formally adopted and registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office in 1971.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT PLANNED

Families!! Set aside Friday, October 22nd on your calendar. At 6:00 p.m., we will be gathering for a potluck dinner, followed by a discussion that will be focused on parenting. Jane Card, director of PERC (Parent Effectiveness in Resolving Conflict "in teens"), and Stevie Westmoreland, who specializes in the younger ages, will be leading the discussion. There will be childcare upstairs for the kids. You will be getting more information soon!!

Youth Car Wash

Karen Dombrowski

It was a bright, sunny morning on Saturday, September 11-a perfect day for a Car Wash. At least a dozen kids and almost as many adults gathered at the Cape Porpoise Fire Station to make the cars of Kennebunkport shine. It was a perfect way to kick off an exciting Sunday School year. The kids, along with having a good time, raised \$350.00 for Angel Tree Summer Camp for prisoner's children. Thank you so much to everyone who washed and got washed!

Benefit Dinner Time!

On the 7th of October, Thursday evening from 5 - 9 p.m., Ruth Persson of The Captain's Restaurant is again hosting a Benefit Dinner to be given in honor of the legacy of Keith McClelland. All of the proceeds will go to the Keith McClelland Fund. Come support this tremendous cause. And don't forget to make reservations! (967-2341) The restaurant is located on 1 Pier Road. Cape Porpoise.

Appreciation Sunday held September 12th

The Church on the Cape held the annual Appreciation Sunday on September 12th, honoring members of the Kennebunkport and Goose Rocks Police Dept. and Fire Dept. and KEMS. Pastor Ruth, as Chaplain of the Goose Rocks Fire Dept. wore her brand new uniform to show the children during the children's time and to conduct the worship service. There were four full rows of guests at the service with a representative from each group taking part in our service. They entered the church to the accompaniment of a bagpiper and were led by the flag bearers. The opening hymn was "America the Beautiful". The moment of silence held at the conclusion of the prayers of the EMTS and the Police Department and the Fire Department reading was broken by the piper playing "Amazing Grace". Pastor Ruth's sermon topic was "Who Needs It" which was a tribute to the work of these groups and their dedication to their jobs and their community and a tribute to their supportive families.

Following the worship service the congregation went to Atlantic Hall for a pot-luck brunch put on by the members and friends of the church. This was an opportunity to mingle with our guests and get to know them better. The food was great as usual and a big thank you to those who set-up, served and cleaned up.

NEW CLASS TO BEGIN

Bill Gardei will be teaching a class for **8 weeks beginning on Friday October 1 at 9:30 a.m.** The text he has chosen is a book by Wayne Muller, "How, Then, Shall We Live?" "In this book, Wayne Muller asks the most important questions of life-not to provide pat answers, but as a guide to the clarity, openness, and freedom in the asking." **Sign up in the vestry!**

Ministry in the Workplace

On Sunday, September 5, we had a glorious Labor Day Sunday. In keeping with tradition, we had three "of our own" describe their "Ministry in the Workplace": Monique Spina, Susan Baracco and Margy Gambell. What amazed us all was the way their work drew on the same kinds of skills. The compassion and the faith out of which they spoke, was moving and very compelling. Praise God!

New Mailboxes

We have an exciting new addition in the church office. On the wall by the copy machine is a new mailbox unit. We have done away with the folders we used to use for committees, and are now using the mailbox unit. So, if you have anything for committee members or chairs, please come check out the new mailboxes!

Directory Changes/Additions

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Just so you know.....

...people celebrating wedding anniversaries recently

Lillian and Frank Kember – 56 years
Weedie and Dick Falls – 55 years
Jane and Ross Anderson – 47 years
Nancy and Sherwood Treadwell – 47 years
Janet and George Acker – 45 years
Joan and Rafic Cotran – 44 years
Debbi and Bill Lord – 43 years
Lynn and Bob Harris – 29 years
Pam and George Lee – 23 years
Pat and Tom Bender – 13 years

...people celebrating birthdays from May through September

- Edith Perkins – Sally Poland's mother who was 94
- Dave Thompson who was 70 in June
- Alice Bruton who was 70 in August
- Bob McLaughlin who was 65 in July
- Chris Calcia who was 16 in August
- Pam Lee, Dave Sutter, Frank Kember, Lillian Bartlett, Bob Harris, Bill Hidell and Adrian Baracco

...expressions of sympathy go to our following friends and members

- The family of Debbie Matthews. Debbie was a long time faithful and loyal member of our church
- The Bond family upon the death of Bob Bond only a very short time after his wife, Miriam Bond, passed away
- Dick and Weedie Falls upon the death of his mother, Lavina Falls who was 106
- Pru and John Quint upon the death of her mother, Arlene Thompson
- Charlie and Claire Rimmer upon the death of Charlie's sister
- Bill Scarborough upon the death of his father and his aunt
- Dot Dart upon the death of her great grandson in an accident in North Carolina
- Danielle Allie and her family upon the death of her cousin's son in an accident

...we continue our prayers of concern and hope for the following people

- Mary Kraus who is at Piper Shores in Scarborough
- Audree Bauman who could not come to her summer home in Cape Porpoise this year due to health restrictions. Audree lives in Maryland.

- Marie Campbell who had radiation therapy recently for a growth on her face
- Jim Fairfield who had another ankle surgery recently and is now doing much better. He would like to thank everyone who remembered him with prayers, cards and calls.
- Dave Sutter who had hip replacement recently and had to return to the hospital due to an infection. He will continue with intravenous antibiotics at home for a while.
- Arnold (Whitey) Whitehouse who had quadruple bypass surgery on Sept. 2nd. Whitey developed some fibrillation problems and will be released as soon as that is under control.
- Druscilla Landry who was recently at SMMC and is now at Kennebunk Nursing Center and welcomes cards, calls and visits.
- Nathalie Lloyd who is back home and doing well
- Members of the Ghana Mission Team who were in a bus rollover on their way back to the airport to come home and several members were injured. This is the team Pastor Ruth and Dick and Julie were with last year.
- Bob Domine's mother who one year after her accident is out and about with her walker and feeling quite well and continuing to improve
- Nancy Libby requests your prayers for her granddaughter, Emily, who is going to China on Sept. 14th and will return on Oct. 1st. Her dad and step mom are bringing home for adoption a baby girl from China.

...we congratulate the following people

- Debbi Lord who was given the annual Starfish Award for her work with the Caring Committee of our church. The Starfish Award was established in 1998 by The United Way of York County, Kennebunk Savings Bank and the York County Coast Star to recognize people whose volunteering activities have effected good, positive changes in their communities. A \$500 award was given to Debbi to be used for a charity or non-profit of her choice. Debbi has asked the Caring Committee to help decide who this will be. Congratulations Debbi! We are so proud of you and all you do for us.

- the Dumont Family upon the May birth of baby girl Sidney
- Lillian Merriam upon her graduation from Vassar as Phi Beta Kappa
- Chris Calcia who was part of the cast of *Les Miserable* performed recently at Kennebunk High School as a benefit for the Keith McClelland Memorial Scholarship Fund – Chris’s friends from the Church on the Cape filled several rows of the audience
- Beryl Samia, our own organist and music director, who was presented with a bouquet of flowers during worship on August 1st to celebrate her one year anniversary with us at Church on the Cape
- Joe Fairfield who welcomed a new granddaughter on Sept. 6th. This is the 11th great grandchild for Louise Fairfield.

...we want to bring you up to date on some items of interest

- Janet and George Acker’s son and family lost their home in Vermont and all their possessions in a fire in August. The Caring Committee gave them a kitchen shower at the church and our friends and members were more than generous. They were overwhelmed by our kindness and have written to thank us for our thoughtfulness and prayers and caring.
- We have had many, many visitors from other states and countries throughout the summer months at our worship services
- Pastor Ruth attended a Festival of Homiletics in Washington DC in May
- One Sunday in May Beryl Samia welcomed her friends Wendy and Ted Hagarty to our worship service where Wendy sang in the choir and played trumpet while Ted played clarinet for various parts of our morning music ministry
- Our choir under the direction of Beryl Samia treated us all to a wonderful evening of song and music and laughter at Atlantic Hall. We had a huge crowd and wonderful refreshments and much fun! Proceeds went to the music fund.
- A month later our Outreach Committee held “Something Beautiful for God” and our members and friends with performing talents treated us to poetry, song, piano, and comedy. We all enjoyed blueberry cobbler as well. Proceeds went to the Outreach Committee to be used for missions.
- Pastor Ruth and her committee held the 2nd annual American Girl Tea Party in August which was well attended with the proceeds going to the Christian Education budget.
- Our annual Goat Island picnic was rained out so we held our picnic in the church parlor after worship. The food and fellowship were great.
- Five of our church youth performed in the play *School House Rock* held at the high school this summer. Two of them were Whitehouse grandchildren.
- In August we held an art show called “Created to Create” and works of art done by many of our talented members were shown in the church parlor while over at Atlantic Hall some of us were trying our hand at water colors – some with more success than others. Upstairs strawberry shortcake was being served under the direction of Joe Fairfield and his committee.
- Our Father’s Day Sunday morning 10 a.m. sermon was delivered by Bill Quigley and most of us were greatly moved by what he had to say.
- Rev. Cynthia King-Guffey was our guest preacher on August 15th and her sermon title was “Free Indeed”. Hope you were there and did not miss it – but you can still pick up a printed copy in the church office if you wish.
- On Sunday, Sept. 5th we heard Monique Spina, Susan Baracco and Margie Gambell speak from the pulpit about “Ministry in the Workplace”. Three very inspiring and heartfelt messages were given by these dedicated women.
- Pastor Ruth has started a Walkers Unite group that meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the church to go walking. They try to go someplace new each week and you are invited to join them any Tuesday.
- Have you seen the lovely walkway and path coming up to our back door? Thank you to Rich Parsons for his work in getting this accomplished.
- Our Youth Fellowship held a carwash on Sept. 11th and earned \$350 for Angel Tree Children for camp scholarships. These are local families where the father or mother is a prison inmate. Church on the Cape supported this ministry last Christmas with gifts for these children as though given by the incarcerated parent. We will be doing it again.

Welcoming Service for our new Bishop, Peter Weaver

Everyone is invited to this celebration to be held Saturday, September 25, in Portland, Maine. The day begins with a real street festival. Chestnut Street in downtown Portland will be closed off and filled with tables, a stage, music, good aromas, and lots of people. Music will be provided by several groups, and food will include Caribbean, Korean, Latino and American-both main courses and desserts.

All are invited to the festival from 11am to 1pm and to the worship service at 1pm in Chestnut Street United Methodist Church. (Handicap parking is behind the church.) Bishop Peter Weaver will preach a sermon titled "Barefoot in the World". Children are invited to the festival and the service.

Chestnut Street is the site of the first Methodist church in Maine, the first church organ in the state, and is the origination site of the Epworth League. After the service, stay and enjoy the sights and sounds of Portland; a beautiful, revitalized port city that also offers hope and home to a myriad in immigrant groups.

If you would like to attend the celebration, please RSVP to the church office ASAP (967-5787 or office@churchonthecape.org)



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