



# THE CHURCH ON THE CAPE

A United Methodist Church

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## MARCH-APRIL 2004 NEWSLETTER

### *From the Pastor*

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The following is a Lenten parable that comes from West Africa, and because things "West African" have taken on new significance, I'd like to share it. Once a naturalist was passing through a village, when he noticed an eagle amongst some ducks and turkeys. The eagle was eating chickenfeed, just as the others were. So the man stepped up to the owner and said "Excuse me, Sir, you have an eagle there. That isn't a chicken. He can soar as high as the eye can see!" "No", "he's a chicken, and he will never fly!" They agreed to test it. The naturalist picked up the eagle, held it up and said with great intensity, "Eagle, you belong to the sky. Stretch out your wings and fly!" The eagle looked down, watched the chickens pecking at their chickenfeed, and jumped down. The owner said "See, I told you he was a chicken!" "No," said the naturalist, "it is an eagle. Give me another chance tomorrow." So, the next day, the man took him to the top of the owner's house and said "Eagle, you belong to the sky. Fly!" But again, the eagle looked down, and joined the chickens in the farmyard. "I told you it was a chicken", said the owner. "No", asserted the naturalist, "it is an eagle. Give me one more chance and I will make him fly tomorrow." The next morning the naturalist rose early and took the eagle outside the city and away from the houses, to the foot of a high mountain. The sun was just rising, gilding the top of the mountain with gold. The man picked up the eagle and said to it "Eagle, you belong to the sky. Stretch out your wings and fly!" The eagle looked around and trembled as if new life were coming to it. Yet, it did not fly. The naturalist then made it look straight at the sun. Suddenly, it stretched out its wings and with the screech of an eagle, it mounted higher and higher, never to return. It was, in fact, an eagle, even though it had been kept and tamed as a chicken. The parable is about eagles and chickens on one level. But on another level, it says something about Easter. It tells us about what will happen to us if we look straight at the Son. Easter is a time when we too can be restored to what we were created to be; a time when we can stretch our wings and soar. Jesus, by knowing who we are, and by believing in each of us, empowers every one of us to turn away from whatever is base, whatever is beneath our best, and to rise like Him.

A Blessed Easter to all,

His... Yours,  
Ruth Merriam

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**March 28th Organ Concert to Feature Harold Stover, President of “Friends of the Kotschmar Organ”**

Our fine Rodgers organ continues to attract some of New England’s finest musicians to our seaside church. On March 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m., Harold Stover will join our growing list of distinguished organists.

Mr. Stover is currently the Director of Music at Portland’s Woodfords Congregational Church. He is a graduate of the Juilliard School in New York, is on the faculty of the Portland Conservatory of Music and is president of “Friends of the Kotschmar Organ” at Merrill Auditorium.

He has performed with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra and given recitals at such distinguished venues as the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. and Westminster Abbey in London

The New York Times called his playing "splendid" and praised his "multiplicity of talents". On Palm Sunday he will make his fifth appearance on *Pipedreams*, the nationally syndicated program of organ music broadcast locally on Maine Public Radio.

Mr. Stover will perform music of Mendelssohn, Pachelbel and Bach as one of his own compositions.

We are proud to welcome him to our church. His performance on our Rodgers organ promises to be a memorable musical event.

The concert will be at 2:00 p.m. on March 28<sup>th</sup>. This performance is supported by the Keith McClelland Memorial Concert Fund. Admission is free.

***Bell/Chime Committee***

Elaine Triplett

We have been selling bell ornaments in the hopes of starting a hand bell choir. After thoughtful deliberation, the price to purchase bells is exorbitant (approx \$25,000). It would take us at least 10 years to come up with this kind of money. Also, we do not have the space to store the bells and all the necessary equipment that goes along with them.

We decided to look at other options and we came up with the bell chimes, which you heard a few Sundays ago. The sound is wonderful in our small church and the acoustics are perfect. The best part is that we can buy a two-octave set with all the necessary equipment for around \$2000.00. There is room to store them, which is also a plus.

Many people have contributed to this bell fund and it was felt that everyone should have an opportunity to listen to the chimes before we purchased them.

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We did not want people to think that we could use money that was collected for a bell choir to be used for something else. The chimes are merely a substitute for the bells and we hope that everyone will enjoy them.

Please call or talk to Beryl Samia, choir director/organist, if you would like a clearer explanation. She is very familiar with both bell and chime choirs.

**Just a Singer??**

by JoAnn Varkony

I overheard a conversation the other day that went something like this:

“Are you a singer?”

“Oh no, I just sing in my church choir.”

Excuse me?????

Apparently there is a mind-set among some choir members that singing in a church choir is not very important. It’s just a thing to do on Thursday night and Sunday services. That presupposes that it doesn’t take any special talent to sing in a church choir. I disagree. Besides some level of musical ability, it takes a talent for availability and flexibility, a talent for caring and sharing, a talent for commitment and fulfillment.

Perhaps the word talent should be examined. Webster defines it as a mental or physical aptitude—a natural or acquired ability. It can refer to either an individual or a group of individuals having such ability.

Choir members are certainly a group of individuals!!!!!!! But together, they bring a variety of talents—not the least of which is singing. Singing may be a natural or acquired talent. It involves quickness in learning and understanding what the words mean. It includes a willingness to be open to new kinds of musical expression and responsive to the choice of music. It takes concentration to communicate to others the message of the words and music. It takes patience to achieve a balance of sound, intonation, pronunciation, and musical excellence.

No talent?? Don’t believe it! Church choir members are special – and while I’m not advocating a prideful attitude, we can be proud to serve God by using our talent to honor Him through music and worship.

Just a church choir singer????—let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed, you were called **in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Whatever you do, in word and deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.**” (Colossians 3:15-17)

Just a church choir singer indeed!!!!!!!!!!!! Be a singer for the Lord, with much thankfulness in your heart!

**SPRING STUDY WITH REV. SHERWOOD  
TREADWELL**

Where do you stand on: prayer in public schools, abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty, human sexuality, creationism vs. evolution? United Methodist pastor, Adam Hamilton, has organized some guidelines to help us as we grapple with the issues in the search for truth, morality and justice. We will be using his text, Confronting the Controversies (\$10.00 ordered through the church office), as we gather in the Treadwell's living room for six Tuesday evenings, from 7:00-8:30 pm, beginning March 16. If you are interested in joining this class, please call the church office at 967-5787. If you've missed the first class, you can jump in anytime.

***Education***

Susan Baracco

The Education committee will gather for its next bi-monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm. All are welcome to provide suggestions and input.

Sunday school completed the "Boy's Lunch" curriculum March 7<sup>th</sup> and will jump into the new program entitled "Peacemakers." The children will learn through bible stories about the challenges of peacemaking and about the fundamentals that are based in fairness, justice, equality, and love. Please contact Karen in the office if you would like to volunteer. Also, a quick reminder to parents that a weekly collection is taken at Sunday school for children that wish to contribute.

Looking ahead – on Easter Sunday an egg hunt is planned to take place after the 8AM service. On May 7<sup>th</sup> a spaghetti supper will be held by the kids and youth of the church, at Atlantic Hall. We will be asking for donations of ingredients again this year-stay tuned!

**"Souper" Bowl Wrap Up**

On February 1, young people in churches nationwide collected \$1.00 from each congregant and donated the money to the charity of their choice. Our Youth, dressed in their sports uniforms, collected \$137.75 and donated it to Fuel Assistance of York County. A total of \$3,580,355.00 was collected nationwide for people in need from 10,205 organizations. Congratulations, kids, on a job well done!

**Lenten Activity Nights**

Pastor Ruth

This year's theme for the Lenten Activity Nights is "Transformation". Based on each stanza of the hymn "In the Midst of New Dimensions", we chose to focus on the following themes: Week One - March 3: Leading in the Midst of Change (hosted by the Goodwins Mills UMC), Week Two - March 10: Lifting up the Hope for Peace (hosted by the Church on the Cape), Week Three - March 17: Choosing God's Wider Vision (hosted by the West Kennebunk UMC), Week Four - March 24: Being God's Love Song (hosted by Buxton/North St. UMCs), and Week Five - March 31: Living the Resurrection (hosted by Cornerstone-Saco, Old Orchard Beach UMCs).

The evenings (6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.) are scheduled to include a meal of homemade soup and bread, an intergenerational activity, and a worship service. Each week has afforded us a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with our Cluster churches, as well as allowing us to deepen our participation in Lent. They are a real source of enrichment.

Many thanks to everyone who helped in creating our evening: for coordinating the food, making the soup, baking the bread, for setting up the tables - and buying flowers!, for driving into Portland to pick-up the video, and for helping to make paper cranes! Beautifully done!

**Women's Bible Study Group**

Each Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. a group of women meet in each other's homes for a Bible Study and prayer. We rotate the homes monthly and we rotate the group leader weekly, all on a volunteer basis. We are currently studying "Romans – Becoming New in Christ" which is a Life Guide Bible Study booklet. We do one chapter each week, spending time in reading the passage, discussion of the questions in the study guide and individual and group prayer. We are open to everyone and currently have nine members from Church on the Cape and also other area churches. We would welcome any woman who would like to join with us and encourage you to do so. This is a wonderful group with great discussions and lots of sharing of our joys and sorrows.

Call Debbi Lord at 967-1295; Louise Fairfield at 985-6182; or Alice Bruton at 985-2121 for more information and so that we can obtain a study book for you.

# Memories of Berj Zamkochian

By Bill Lord

Cape Porpoise is an amazing community. It is small in size but filled with talented people. We have artists, entrepreneurs, contractors, teachers, lobstermen, homemakers, small businessmen and women, and an extra helping of musicians.

Our church has seen more than its fair share of fine musicians over the last decades. Keith McClellan comes to mind as well as his students, friends and associates. Keith was the Pied Piper who led many exceptional performers and appreciative audiences directly to our church. None was more illustrious than the organist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra - Berj Zamkochian.

Berj spent his summers on Langsford road, living in a house which he bought from longtime church member Dolly Merrill. In the mid-1980s, he left behind his Maine summers and offered his practice organ to our church. It was quickly purchased and served as the musical core of our worship until 2000 when our current organ was installed.

Memories of Berj are still fresh in the minds of many in our congregation:

**Carl Bartlett:** "He was a thoughtful, kind gentleman and a great friend of our church. He referred to our church as the Cathedral Church of Cape Porpoise...in a sense, I think he was right."

**Tom Bradbury:** "My relationship with Berj began while I was still in high school. He gave a concert at the Consolidated School and I had been asked to be an usher...that's where I first met him."

"He was the best storyteller I've ever heard. He had done so many things of interest all over the world that when he came back to Cape Porpoise, he kept us fascinated by telling of his latest adventures."

"He had a flair for hoodwinking the Russians. As one of the first American musicians to be allowed back into the Soviet Union during the Cold War, Berj was particularly miffed at the KGB for following him around. By the time his last concert, he had to do something mischievous to assuage his anger. He added an unannounced piece to his program ...the *Stars Spangled Banner*. While the Russian audience reacted with respect, the KGB was not amused. He had the last laugh."

"The Russians would pay him in rubles for his performances but the currency couldn't be taken out of the country. So he gave it to the Patriarch of the Armenian Church who bought a sable coat. Berj then sewed one of his J.C. Penny labels into it and with such 'proof of origin', his earnings left the Soviet Union without challenge. Again, he had the last laugh."

Berj Zamkochian died at the age of 74. He was born in Boston, the son of Armenian immigrants. He played for six presidents, Catholic Popes and Armenia Patriarchs, the Japanese and English Royal Families and, yes, for the members and friends of the Church on the Cape. Berj treated us like royalty too. "Following the Great Armenia Earthquake of 1988 [45,000 people died], he came to our church and played a fundraising concert for the survivors. Today in our church, you'll still find a 'thank you' plaque from Armenia...written in Armenian "

"He fervently believed in his Armenian heritage and knew the Bible inside and out. He played with equal zest - whether it was before an audience of 35,000 in Japan, a private recital for the Pope in Rome, with the Boston Symphony or at a little seaside church in Cape Porpoise. He was an extraordinary man and friend."

**Debbi and Bill Lord:** "When he dedicated our new organ in 2000, we offered him a room so that he could comfortably rest and prepare for the concert. In preparation for his visit, we had our piano tuned...hoping in our heart-of-hearts that he might want to 'tickle the ivories'. Instead of performing a mini-concert in our home, our overnight guest turned into the fabled story teller of Tom Bradbury's memory. Armenia dominated the evening as well as the breakfast conversation the following morning. It was an once-in-a-lifetime encounter with an incredible historical personality."

## EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**6:06 a.m. Sunrise Service-end of Pier Rd-with Rev. Bill Gardei preaching**

**Light breakfast to follow at the Church (muffins, coffee, juice, bacon)**

**8:00 a.m. Early Easter Service-with Rev. Ruth Merriam officiating**

**9:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn of the church**

**10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship Service-with Rev. Ruth Merriam officiating**

## Hygiene Kits for Migrant Workers

Alice Bruton

Thank you everyone for your generous donations of items to fill the hygiene kits for the blueberry pickers who come to Maine each summer. The Evening Group has filled 53 kits and have a shopping bag of socks and a large box of baseball caps to deliver to Machias. We will also box up the left over soaps and the left over toothpaste (donated by Tom's of Maine) to take with us. Roy and I will deliver the kits sometime in May when the weather is predictable.



## Welcome New Members

Pat Bender

### **David Bene**

Full membership

David is originally from New Orleans. He has been in the navy for 6 years and works at the naval shipyard in Portsmouth. David is an artist, particularly in drawing and painting. We really look forward to putting David's talents to work. David and Sarah Lancaster were married March 14 by Rev. Sally Poland here at Church on the Cape.

### **Christine Brooks**

Associate membership

Chris moved to Cape Porpoise after living in Massachusetts all her life. Chris has 3 children (including a daughter, Marsha Kendrick), 8 grand-children and 13 great Grandchildren. Chris became a member of Church on the Cape February 15, which just happens to be her birthday.

### **Barbara Duncan**

Associate membership

Barbara was brought up in Ontario in the United Church of Canada. After visiting here for a week 25 years ago she came back every year after that. She loves Church on the Cape and we welcome her.

### **Keith Mills**

Full membership

Keith is a native Mainer, Biddeford to be exact and started attending Church on the Cape last fall. Keith and Ashley Padget will be married in our church on July 3rd. Keith is looking for a church home as he begins his married life and they begin to raise a family. Keith currently works for the Secret Service. He was also baptized the day he joined.

### **Ashley Padget**

Full membership

Not only did Ashley become a full member on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, but she was baptized on that same morning. Ashley is from Kennebunk. She works in her family's restaurant, Allison's. Ashley will marry Keith Mills on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and they are looking forward to their marriage growing and thriving in their new church home.

### **Jerry and Beryl Samia**

Associate members

Jerry and Beryl vacationed in Maine for many years and wanted to live near the ocean. They have been coming to Church on the Cape since last summer.

They will be married 23 years in June and share 7 children and 18 grandchildren between them. Jerry was raised Baptist and brings us a strong faith. He retired early from his first career, but has not completely retired as he works 3 days a week for an auto parts store in sales.

Beryl was born in Manchester, NH and after graduating from Boston University she never returned to NH, living in Massachusetts for a long time. We are so incredibly fortunate to have Beryl's as our Organist/Choir Director. Besides her wonderful musical talents, Beryl is very crafty with decorative painting and stitching – we love hearing that. She really enjoys bible study groups, too.

### **Revs. Sally and Ted Poland**

Sally and Ted are retired United Methodist ministers. As such, they are members of the New England Annual Conference and not of any local church. However, they have chosen Cape Porpoise as their charge conference. Sally has served churches in Maine, retiring from the Scarborough UMC in 1999 after 13 years there. Ted has served churches in New Hampshire and Maine, retiring from Old Orchard Beach after seven years there. They have been married twelve years and have four grown children and five grandchildren.

Sally manages a used bookstore in Old Orchard Beach for the benefit of the Hospice program. She also enjoys cooking.

Ted is a docent at the Portland Museum of Art and an active member of both the Jane Austen Society and Seaglass Chorale.

Both are compulsive readers. Together they take courses at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Portland. They enjoy traveling, Elderhostel programs, and tent camping. Each expects to be doing some supply preaching from time to time.

They were drawn to the Cape Porpoise church by its fine music program, its stimulating worship services, and its welcoming congregation.

### **Cargo Shop**

The Cargo Shop will be opening for another season on Tuesday, April 6 at 2:00 p.m. It will be open through the summer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-4:00 p.m. On Saturday, June 5, another day will be added-Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. There are donation barrels located on the porch outside the office door at the church year round to accept your donations of good condition used clothing and other household items.

If you have any questions about the Cargo Shop, you may call Joyce Hutchins at 967-5744.

## An Art Field Trip

Ted Poland

On January 25<sup>th</sup> about fifteen members of the Church on the Cape toured the Portland Museum of Art. The tour included the McLellan House, an 1801 Federalist mansion which was bequeathed to the Portland Society of Art at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. This building along with the L.W. Sweat Galleries was the Portland Museum of Art from 1911-1983. We next viewed the exhibits in the 1983 Charles Shipman Payson building. The exhibits included impressionism works of Monet and Renoir as well as works by artists who were either natives of Maine or with a Maine connection. The tour ended with a look at the Eliot Porter photographic exhibit "The Color of Wildness". We then gathered in the museum café for coffee and desert. The tour was led by Rev. Ted Poland, docent.

### Men's Breakfast

Every third Saturday of the month the men of the church get together to have breakfast, share fellowship, and do the occasional little job around the church. It's a great way to meet new people, discover common interests, and share your skills. Not handy? Doesn't matter! Come anyways! The breakfasts are at 8:00. There is a sign up sheet available the week before the breakfast in the vestry, or you can call the church office at 967-5787, so the right number of people is planned for. If you have any questions about the Men's Breakfast, please call Joe Fairfield at 967-8862.

## Chemo Caps Project

Alice Bruton

Many of our Church on the Cape members have been knitting chemo caps for patients at Maine Medical Center. This project started in the Evening Group and spread out from there to include many members of the church as well as members of the local "Curves" gym. As of Sunday we had 29 caps and more are coming in all the time. I want to thank everyone who participated in any way from teaching "how to knit" at our last Evening Group meeting to donating the yarn to making one or more caps. Even our own Mary Kraus who is recuperating at Kennebunk Nursing Center was seen knitting a cap. Thank you to Pastor Ruth for suggesting the project and obtaining the instructions and for taking the caps to the hospital.

## *Directory Changes*

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## Trustees

Frank Kember

The past several meetings have included discussions about expanding the church space through the addition of a meeting hall and other related changes. There are several obstacles to this idea, which are being addressed.

A much needed portion of the church roof has been replaced along with revisions to the heating systems and fuel tanks.

Our annual election of officers has been held with last years officers continuing.

## ***OUTREACH COMMITTEE***

Dave Sutter

The Church has entrusted the Outreach Committee with a total of \$6,423.29 this year, of which \$423.29 is comprised of unused 2003 operating funds, 2004 operating funds, and \$95.00 in dedicated donations since January 1. As in prior years, the Committee has emphasized those organizations which are close to home and in which large numbers of the congregation are interested and/or participate. The following is a list of the causes which we have chosen to support, along with our contribution to each:

Bon Appetit--200.00 May be increased if needed

Camp Sunshine --2,475.00 This sum , together with \$525 from the 2003 Alternative Holiday Fair, will permit us to sponsor two families for a week at the camp.

Caring Unlimited--500.00

Food Pantry --500.00

Habitat for Humanity--600.00

Heifer Project-- up to 500.00 in matching funds as a challenge to the Sunday School

Maine Migrant Workers--200.00 May be increased, if necessary

Princess Basma Hospital--200.00

The Sarah Ewing Project--350.00 To sponsor Sarah's year as a teacher in a Peruvian school, in conjunction with other northern York and southern Cumberland County Methodist Churches

The Village Enterprise Fund--200.00

Contingency and Operating Exp.--698.29

**Total** **\$6,423.29**

**Blankets for Caring Unlimited** Outstanding response! Many people donated blankets, quilts, and pillows. The women at the shelter were very happy to get them.

**Senior Luncheon** April 19 is the date. Details have yet to be worked out.

**Dessert Theater** August 7 or 8. Blueberry cobbler's the dessert. Ruth is recruiting the artists; anyone with a modicum of talent should pipe up now! Hide your light under a bushel no longer! See Ruth right now and sign up. More about this later.

## From the Financial Secretary

Jim Lennon

Support for the financial needs at The Church on the Cape continues to be strong, faithful and used to God's glory and praise in this wonderful place. We are a congregation blessed in many, many ways. All who call this their "church home" are encouraged to come and share in the thrill of worship each Lord's Day, and to share their joy in returning to God a portion of which has been given to each in so many ways. The church steeple, always lit in the center of Cape Porpoise, is a symbol to all who pass by, announcing the welcoming presence of this faith filled community. We are a blessed congregation.

## **Shriner's Clinic to be Held**

Harvey Wells

**Date: Saturday, May 8th**

**Place: Southern Maine Medical Hospital, Biddeford**

**Time: 9am to noon**

**This clinic is designed to examine any child from infant to 18 years in age for admission to the Shrine hospitals who may require orthopedic or burns medical treatment. All that is required is to have the child examined by the doctor. If the child's condition can be treated in our hospitals, then the child will be scheduled for admission after additional consultations with the parent(s). None of our Shriner's hospitals has a billing department since regardless of the treatment; length of stay or outpatient treatment all is free. Orthopedic work is usually done at the Shriner's hospital in Springfield, MA and burns treatment at the Shriner's Burns Institute in Boston. If a child needs transportation to the hospital, that also can be arranged, again at no cost.**

**If someone is unable to make it to the clinic, people are accepted year round.**

**Further information on the Shriner's hospitals can be obtained by calling The Kora Shrine Temple in Lewiston at 1-800-782-5672.**

### **Weekly Attendance for January and February**

**Jan. 4 = 126**

**Jan. 11 = 121**

**Jan. 18 = 100**

**Jan. 25 = 127**

**Feb. 1 = 108**

**Feb. 8 = 127**

**Feb. 22 = 74**

**Feb. 25 = 69 (Ash Wednesday Service)**

**Feb. 29 = 116**

## **Just so you know...**

... We extend our sympathy to the following people

Heather Chisholm upon the death of her sister in January

Monique Spina and Mitchell Massey and Olivia upon the death of Monique's aunt

... We remember the following people in our prayers

Steve Anderson, son of Jane and Ross, who has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Steve and his family live locally.

Lillian Merriam, daughter of Dick and step-daughter of Pastor Ruth, who is recovering from an extremely high fever which was from something she was exposed to while on an African trip

Mary Kraus who is at Kennebunk Nursing Center and doing very well

Harrison and Eleanor Seavey who are now roommates at Kennebunk Nursing Center and love to receive visitors

Debby Matthews who is another resident of the Kennebunk Nursing Center

The mother of Robert Domine who is recovering from an auto accident

Erin Lee who is recovering from mono

Nancy Libby who fell on the ice and fractured her arm

Frank Kember who also fell on the ice and has multiple bruises

... Dates to remember – Danielle Fairfield will be performing a solo with the Alumni Band on March 27<sup>th</sup> at Thornton Academy and on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5 p.m. Danielle will give a recital at the University of Southern Maine.

You are all invited to attend these two events

... We celebrate with the following people

Iris and George Cushing who celebrated their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on 1/31

Roberta and Don Sanborn who had their 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in January

Alice and Roy Bruton who also had their 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary on February 16<sup>th</sup>

Sally and Ted Poland who celebrated their 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary in February

Patty and Maurice Hutchins who celebrated their anniversary on February 15<sup>th</sup>

Weedie Falls who had a birthday on February 3<sup>rd</sup>

David Doubleday whose birthday was February 16<sup>th</sup>

Christine Brooks whose birthday was February 15<sup>th</sup>

Pastor Ruth who celebrated her birthday on February 17<sup>th</sup>

... Ruth Hutchins would like to thank everyone who sent her cards while she was recovering from an injured knee

... Ted Poland led a group of people from Church on the Cape on a guided tour of the Portland Museum of Art in January. He is a volunteer docent there.

... Pastor Ruth and Beryl Samia attended Congress 2004 in February

... Matt and Susan Treadwell were visiting Sherwood and Nancy recently before going back to Prague

... Sherwood and Nancy have been in Florida for several weeks and will have returned by the time you get this newsletter

... Dick Merriam was in Bangkok recently on business

... On Super Bowl Sunday the youth at the Church on the Cape asked for a donation of \$1 from each person attending church for "souper bowl" \$137.75 was donated to York County Fuel Assistance Fund

... Marilyn and Dave Thompson got a late start on their Florida trip due to an auto accident. They were not injured but their car was. They have arrived safely in Florida. They were overwhelmed with the "angels" at the Church on the Cape and their caring.

... Adam Baracco, son of Susan and Adrien, has been accepted into the Boy Singers Choir of Maine. Congratulations Adam!

... Cynthia and Bob Domine want to express their gratitude for all the expressions of caring shown to Bob's mother while she is recuperating from her accident

... On February 8<sup>th</sup> we were treated to a performance of bell choir chimes by Paula Beaudoin from Rochester, N.H.

... On February 22<sup>nd</sup> Justin Bartlett gave an outstanding piano Offertory and Postlude. This is a very talented and accomplished young man!

... On February 15<sup>th</sup> Pastor Ruth welcomed 11 new members to our congregation

... On February 29<sup>th</sup> we welcomed Bill Dykstra back to our pulpit to celebrate Lobsterman's Sunday. Bill also sang "The Lord's Prayer" following his sermon and it brought tears to many eyes. Thank you Bill!

... The flowers on the altar on February 29<sup>th</sup> were in memory of Berj Zamkochian, given by the Moulton family, and what a statement that arrangement made. There were at least four dozen roses of all different bright colors in a brass container, put together by our own Donna Rooney. What a wonderful way to honor Berj and to remember him.

... Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, the Church on the Cape was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee of Kennebunkport for our support of their activities last year. Ellen Doubleday and Margie Hollingsworth made the presentation, which was accepted by Pastor Ruth on behalf of the congregation.

... also on March 7<sup>th</sup> Pastor Ruth welcomed the children of church to the communion rail and gave a sermon so that the children could understand what that meant