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What a glorious summer stretches out before us! For those who thrive on stimulating activities in the company of wonderful people, the Church on the Cape will be the place to come. For those who long for tranquil days with nothing to do, I hope that this will be an option as well. Either way, whether you opt for excitement or peace and quiet, I trust that in the days to come you will experience your blessedness.

Here's what awaits us: Starting on May 30, we will celebrate Pentecost - the third of the great Christian festivals. Since Pentecost marks the birthday of the church, we will wear red (symbolizing the flame of the Holy Spirit) and observe the day by welcoming new members to our church family. In keeping with tradition, we will be treated to a Pentecost play entitled "How Mister Lurch Stole the Church" by Maria Feely. Will it then 'go on the road'? Who knows?

June 6 will be Memorial Sunday as well as Children's Day. The Sunday School children will be leading worship that day, and their theme will be "Peacemakers". The Cherub Choir will sing; the Youth Choir will sing, and in a prayerful spirit of hope, children and adults will take communion together.

Children's Sunday will also mark the beginning of this summer's WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?) contest. Two beautiful bikes (a boy's and a girl's) will be awarded to two children who give the most time in service to people outside of one's family. The parents will help log the ways (and time) the child spent in sharing Christ's love. Some examples might be: weeding for an elderly neighbor, visiting at a Nursing Home, picking up trash.... The possibilities are limitless.

If the child already has a bike, that child might want to give the bike he or she won to one of the Angel Tree recipients. What a tremendous way to bring joy to someone else! The names of the winners will be announced on Sunday, August 1, the day of the Goat Island Picnic. Remember the question "WWJD"?

June 13 will be Graduation Sunday. I will be preaching, but also offering words of exhortation will be Bill Quigley of Governor Dummer Academy, whose daughter, Kelsey, will be graduating this Spring.

June 20 is Fathers' Day, and since it is a new tradition that a father do the preaching on this occasion, it is with great anticipation that I announce Tom Bradbury has agreed to grace the pulpit.

June 27 marks a Sunday for which I have long awaited: "Created to Create." The sermon will focus on the day's theme, and then from there you will be invited to come to the Parlor (from 2-5 p.m.) to see an exhibit of the incredible works of art produced by members of our own church family. Then, from 3-5 p.m., those who are inexperienced (ages 5 and up) will be able to attend a Workshop on Watercolor: "Landscapes of the Spirit" which will be offered downstairs at Atlantic Hall. Upstairs, the public will be treated to a luscious Strawberry Festival, organized by Joe Fairfield.

So, that's what is in store! The purpose of it all will be to enjoy God and to live in such a way that He can truly enjoy us.

His.. Yours, Ruth Merriam, Rev.

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The Breakfast Group

Lillian Bartlett- Coordinator

Our breakfast group was able to meet on the first Saturday of each month beginning in October, 03 and ending May, 04. We were pleased to welcome as many as 40 members and friends of the Church on the Cape at the Blue Moon and the Kennebunkport Inn. If you like to eat breakfast out, this is wonderful way to enjoy the company of old and new Church friends. There is no formal program or speeches - we just eat, laugh and talk. Our next meeting in the fall will be on the first Saturday of October. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the vestry. All are welcome.

Spaghetti Supper Wrap Up

Karen Dombrowski

The Youth served the community a Spaghetti Supper as a mission to raise money for Heifer International on Friday, May 7th. It was a great success-lots of satisfied stomachs and lots of smiling young faces! Thank you to the congregation for donating the ingredients for the dinner, and thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the dinner! A special thanks goes out to the following people: Bob Kember, chef, Jan Acker, salad chef, Scott Dombrowski, desert assembler, Ann Hand, dining room manager, Alice and Roy Bruton, money managers, Adrien Baracco, and the wait-staff: Adam Baracco, Carly Baracco, Elizabeth Hand and friend Abbey Steitz, Kathryn Hand, Laura Hand and Katie Stedman. Debbie Matthews supplied the beautiful Daffodils on the tables-thank you, Debbie! Along with great fellowship, \$360 was made for Heifer International, which will be matched dollar for dollar by our Outreach Committee.

A Glorious Organ Concert performed by Harold Stover

Bill Lord

(March 28, 2004) Our regular organ concerts are always grand events, showing off the qualities of our Rodgers digital/pipe organ and the musical talents of our guest organist. Harold Stover's performance exceeded our expectations -amazing us with his virtuosity and knowledge.

He played music of Pachelbel (variations on "What God does, God does well."), a Felix Mendelssohn sonata, a Bach prelude and fugue, one of his own compositions and several other works.

Few of us had ever heard of the German composer Sigfrid Karg-Elert. But we will not soon forget his variation on the hymn that began the program, "Now thank we all our God." It left an indelible impression on us--defining with great majesty the term "triumphal march."

Mr. Stover is not just an exceptional organist (he is Music Director at the Woodfords Congregational Church in Portland) but he's also a Professor of Music at the University of Southern Maine. Throughout the concert, he provided a fascinating narrative on the great European composers represented in the program.

The concert concluded with an enthusiasm 'performance' by the audience of "Christ the Lord is Risen Today."

A CD of the concert is available. All proceeds go to attracting outstanding professional musicians to our church. Our Summer Concert on July 4th at 4 p.m. will feature another exceptional musician, our own Beryl Samia. Hope to see you there.

From the Financial Secretary

Jim Lennon

On behalf of the Finance Committee it is good to report that annual pledges and all other gifts to the 2004 Operating Budget of The Church on the Cape continue to reflect the strong witness to God's love as we worship and serve in this wonderful place. The financial health of our church is strong and good and used in many ways to His glory. We are a blessed congregation!

MUSIC NOTES

There are three topics that I need to write about in this newsletter article.

First, the Choir Chimes are here and waiting for interested people to volunteer to play them.

What is needed to be part of a Choir Chime group??

A commitment to weekly rehearsals.

An ability to read music.

Now, considering the schedules of most of the members of this church, we may find that we need to have some substitutes who will play when the regular "chimer" is away for a week/month.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the vestry for the rest of this month. If you are interested in getting started as a Choir Chime Ringer, be sure to sign up.

Secondly, you may want to mark your calendars for the evening of Saturday, June 12th at 6:30 PM. The Youth and Senior choirs from the church, along with a community choral group which rehearses here at the Church on the Cape, are busy rehearsing for a "**Songs of the Gilded Age**". This will be a fun evening of old-time music, sing-alongs and lots of laughs. Male quartets, piano solos, and a special "**surprise guest**", will be the features of the evening. This is sponsored by the Music Committee of the Church and will be held in Atlantic Hall. Desserts and coffee/punch will be served. There is no admission charge, so please plan to come and bring your friends.

Lastly, On Sunday, July 4, 2004 at 4:00 PM I have been asked to play a one hour **organ concert of Patriotic and American Composers music**. As an added attraction, **Danielle Fairfield** will be playing the Clarinet during the concert. Again, these concerts are free, with a basket at the door for contributions toward the organ concert fund. It is our hope that as many as possible will plan to attend this event.

In His Service,
Beryl Samia

Education News **Karen Dombrowski**

"Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9). In Sunday School the children have been studying who and what a peacemaker is by studying scripture, doing activities and singing songs. Last week they were reminded that "if you don't have anything good to say, don't say anything at all".

Children's Sunday is on June 6th. Memorial day will also be celebrated on that day. The service is shaping up to be full of great music, and there will be a lesson on being a good peacemaker given by the kids.

There will be a Car Wash held on June 26th at the Cape Porpoise Fire Station. Mark your calendars!

Summer Sunday School will begin on June 20th during the 10:00 a.m. service. We are still looking for people who would like to volunteer to teach-call Karen at the church office (967-5787) if you would like to touch the heart of a child (and be touched in return).

BIBLE STUDY

There is a new Bible Study Group for both men and women. Beryl Samia will lead the women's group. Jerry Samia will lead the men. It is from 7-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings at the church, and is open to all, especially to those who are searching for answers or are new to the Christian faith. Some topics will be: Why study the Bible? Who is Jesus? What is our Great Hope? When being good is not good enough.

Please see the Samias or give them a call at 646-3788, or call the church office at 967-5787 if you would like to join the class.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

We will be honoring our graduates at a special
"Graduation Sunday" on June 13th.

5th Grade:

Paige Domine-Consolidated School

Kathryn Hand-Consolidated School

Amy Stedman-Consolidated School

8th Grade:

Dorothy Boyer-Biddeford Middle School

Bryne Fairfield-Great Granddaughter of Louise
Fairfield

Dakota Greene-Mildred L. Day School, Arundel

David Jones-Great Grandson of Louise Fairfield

Cassidy Lovejoy-Kennebunk Middle School

High School:

Carolyn Gould-Granddaughter of Beryl and Jerry
Samia-graduating from St. Thomas Aquinas
High School in Dover, NH. She will be attending
a Criminal Justice College in PA.

Robert Gould-Grandson of Beryl and Jerry Samia-
graduating from Bow High School in Bow,
NH. He will be working towards his pilot's license,
then attending College in Florida.

Kelsey Quigley-Daughter of Leslie and Bill Cargill-
Quigley-graduating from Governor Dummer
Academy in Byfield, MA. She will be attending
Wellesley College and majoring in Music or
Religion or both.

Sarah Towne-Daughter of Liz and Bob Towne-
graduating from Kennebunk High School. She
will be attending Mary Washington University, and
majoring in Business with a minor in History.

College:

Doug Harris-Son of Linn and Bob Harris-graduating
from University of Tennessee with a degree in
Mechanical Engineering. He will be working at
Palo Verde Nuclear Plant in Phoenix, AZ.

Sarah Lee-Daughter of Pam and George Lee-
graduating from St. Anselm College with a degree
in Nursing.

Hanna Green Preble-Granddaughter of Luverne
Preble-graduating from St. Michaels College with
a degree in Psychology and a minor in Business.

"Our entire family would like everyone in the church family to know how much we sincerely appreciated the calls, cards, meals and prayers during our trying months this past fall. While these times were very difficult and continue to be, we have gained so much strength from the pillar of support the Church on the Cape has given us. It is even more obvious now, why our Mom, Linda, was involved in the Church and spoke so highly of the congregation. Please accept our heartfelt thanks.

Love,

Todd Garland and Jinny Garland Sass

Vacation Bible School
July 12-16th (Mon-Fri) 9:00-11:30
a.m.

Ages 4 and up

It's getting to be that time of year again! This year, Vacation Bible School will be held at South Congregational Church. Join us at **Hero Quest** where children will:

- Meet biblical heroes of faith
- Experience the power of faith in God
- Come to know Jesus as the ultimate hero
- And discover the faith hero inside themselves

Sign up forms are available in the church office. You can stop by, or call the office-967-5787. Ask anyone who attended last year-it's a BLAST!!

Evening Group hears Mary Zachery Lang

At their May meeting the Evening Group heard Mary Zachery Lang speak to us for over an hour about her women's prison ministry and arts program. She was entertaining, informative and a real pleasure to listen to. Mary showed us a new way to "pass the peace" and closed our time together in a prayer circle with each person holding or touching a piece of a prayer quilt (made by Mary) and a female musical rendition of Psalm 23 being played in the background. The quilt was very colorful and had a pattern that reminded us of green pastures. This was something Mary had done effectively with the women prisoners and it certainly had an effect on those of us there.

Evening Group Fair Notes

The Evening Group table will be called "Seashore Treasures" this year and we would like donations of items with a nautical theme. Anything with a picture on it of something connected to the seashore, or fishing, or boats or lighthouses or replicas of these things. (Just like some of the items at the Lighthouse Gift Shop.) Start picking up things as you see them in your travels. Lets make this a really great table this year!

Tuesday, June 1st the Evening Group will hold a Fair Craft afternoon at the church at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. If you have any ideas for a item with a seashore theme bring them to this workshop or come work on a couple of items we will have available for you to make.

Our September meeting will be held on **Monday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m.** We will have a pot-luck supper with each Evening Group member bringing a dish from their country of origin. More on this later but we do need someone to head it up. Call Alice Bruton at 985-2121 if you are interested. There will also be a Silent Auction that night.

Evening Group Banquet to be held June 9th

The members of the Evening Group will meet at the Kennebunk Inn at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9th for their annual banquet. Reservations are to be made with Janet Acker at 967-1381 by June 2nd. Meal choices are chicken, salmon or sliced flank steak and the price includes salad, entrée, dessert and coffee or tea. The price is \$25 per person including tax and gratuity. Janet will give you the details of each entrée when you call.

Directory Changes/Additions

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Please call or email the office if there are any changes in your address/phone or email.

Ship's Cargo Fair

Saturday, July 10

Saturday, July 10th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Ship's Cargo Fair will be held. As usual we will need the help of all our men, women and children to set-up, sell and bake, and their donations of items to sell as well.

We will have Fair set-up on Friday during the day for the women's tables and Friday night for the men's outdoor tables. Please get your items to the church on Friday, July 9th or call Joe Fairfield (967-8862) or Richard Parsons (985-9196) for large item pick-up.

We will have an antiques table again for this Fair and those items need to be brought to the church any time after June 1st for Marilyn and Dave Thompson to research and price appropriately. If your item does not sell you will have it returned to you.

We will still have all the wonderful tables we have had in past years and will be looking for your donations and your help on the day of the Fair. These include: baked goods, pies, books, Sunday School, attic treasures, Evening Group, Women's Guild, flower arrangements, and new to our last Fair – Fine Things (crystal, china, knick-knacks, etc.). We may have a few surprises as well.

We will also offer coffee and goodies during the morning with a lunch from the grill starting around 11 a.m. We might even have baked stuffed potatoes again!

This is YOUR Fair and the proceeds go into our Current Expense Budget and the two women's group's treasuries for their church pledges and mission work. We need everyone to participate by coming to the Fair on Saturday, July 10th to do your shopping and to bring your friends and neighbors too.

Flower Arrangements to be made

We need your *donations of garden flowers* to make floral arrangements for the Fair. Bring them to the church on Thursday, July 8th anytime after 5:30 p.m. Also need any *pretty or quaint containers* to hold arrangements.

Thursday evening at 6 p.m. on July 8th we invite all our women and their friends to come help make floral arrangements to sell at the Fair. Donna Rooney will head this up and walk us through all the steps to making a beautiful and fun arrangement. Bring a knife to cut stems and come have a really fun evening.

Ladies hats are coming.....

Druscilla's daughter, Amy, has announced that she is bringing 60 hats to our Fair from her Atlanta ladies group once again this year. These were a sell-out two years ago at our summer fair and a lot of fun. You won't want to miss your chance to buy one of these "one of a kind" hats! Thank-you Atlanta!

Weekly Attendance for March and April

- **March 7** = 106
- **March 14** = 113
- **March 21** = 110
- **March 28** = 114
- **April 4** = 170 (Palm Sunday)
- **April 11(Easter)** = 98 (Sunrise)
43 (8:00 service)
215 (10:00 service)
- **April 18** = 102
- **April 25** = 123

August 12 Auction Features ‘Paddle Art’ by Jamie Wyeth, Eric Hopkins and Others (Including our own Donna Rooney)

Nationally known artists including Jamie Wyeth, Eric Hopkins and California Native artist James A. Luna are among those who are contributing their talent to decorate 42 canoe paddles for the Abbe Museum summer gala and auction on August 12. Guests can also bid on a 16-foot birchbark canoe crafted by Abenaki artist Aaron York and an array of high quality Wabanaki arts and crafts. For the first time, the auction will include a selected group of arts and crafts from other Native tribes including Acoma, Hopi, Iroquois, Navajo, Santa Clara, Tohono O’odham and Zuni.

The artists represented in the Paddle Art auction range in age from 17-year-old Sierra Henries to 87-year-old Olive Bishop Smith, to our own Donna Rooney. Artists will decorate paddles with oil, acrylic, carving, sculpting, woodburning, stained glass, ceramics and collage, creating a remarkable variety of themes and styles. The paddles will be displayed at the Abbe and at sponsor locations in Hancock County in late June and July.

The event, scheduled from 5:30 to 9 p.m., will include a wine, champagne and hors d’oeuvres reception. As guests view the auction items on display, Aaron York will demonstrate the art of carving with a traditional crooked knife. Guests will be entertained by Wabanaki dancers and a Wabanaki singing and drumming group, the Burnurwurbskek Singers.

The canoe, selected Paddle Art and Native arts will be sold at a live auction conducted by professional auctioneer Jerry Miller. Other Paddle Art and Native arts will be sold during the silent auction, which will end at the close of the evening.

Reservations for the event will be \$75 per person, which will include a tax-deductible contribution to the Abbe. To receive an invitation, or for information, please contact Sharon Broom, development director, at (207) 288-3519.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26TH

YOUTH CAR WASH

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON AT THE CAPE PORPOISE FIRE STATION

HONDURAS

Here is your chance to go to Honduras without leaving Cape Porpoise. Some of our UCC neighbors recently traveled to Honduras to help build a parsonage and most importantly relationships. Hear their story through pictures and anecdotes, music and scripture. Kris Galasyn, the RE Director of South Church who ran Vacation Bible School here last year, and her 16 year old son, Greg, will be here on **Sunday, June 6, at 4:00 p.m.** to share their mission with us. This is **NOT** a fundraiser-NO offering will be taken!!

One day God was looking down at Earth and saw all of the rascally behavior that was going on. He decided to send an angel down to Earth to check it out. So he called one of His angels and sent the angel to Earth for a time. When the angel returned, he told God, "Yes, it is bad on Earth; 95% are misbehaving and 5% are not." God thought for a moment and said, "Maybe I had better send down a second angel to get another opinion." So God called another angel and sent him to Earth for a time too. When the angel returned he went to God and said, "Yes, it's true—the Earth is in decline; 95% are misbehaving and 5% are being good." God was not pleased. So He decided to E-mail the 5% that were good, because He wanted to encourage them. Give them a little something to help them keep going. Do you know what that E-mail said? No? I didn't get one, either.

Just so you know.....

We want to give a great big WELCOME BACK to all our snowbirds who have returned. It is not the same without you in our midst. We do miss you all winter.

Our Easter Sunrise Service was spectacular with approximately 100 people in attendance. Our 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Easter Services were also well attended with an overflow at the second service. The flowers, music, and message were wonderful.

Palm Sunday Service was incredible with the children's music and the choir's music ministry. Thank you to all of you and to Beryl Samia.

Church on the Cape has been designated as donor of the month of April by Camp Sunshine for our monetary contributions as well as our volunteer time.

Our walkers for M.S. earned \$335 for that charity and walked 5.7 miles. Our Pastor's mother who is 91 was one of the walkers who completed the course. Congratulations Carol Douglas! Our people walked in honor of our own Kathy Kubiak.

The Senior Luncheon on April 19th was a big success with a wonderful chicken casserole luncheon enjoyed by all. Thank you to all the volunteers.

Beryl Samia and Jerry Samia are conducting a Wednesday evening Bible Study which meets at 7 p.m. at the church (except May 19th). There are two classes – one for men and one for women. You are invited to be a part of these two groups especially if you are searching for answers and/or are new to the faith.

Debbi Lord was our musician on Sunday, April 25th, and did a splendid job. Thank you Debbi for sharing your talent.

Congratulations to Adam Baracco who participated in his first concert with the Boy Singers of Maine on Saturday, May 8th.

Carly Baracco was voted "best waitress" by at least one table of customers at the Spaghetti Supper put on by our Youth Group at Atlantic Hall on May 7th.

Thank you to everyone who donated food and money to defray the cost of the spaghetti supper. As of this writing \$332 was earned for Heifer International with more to be added for sales of spaghetti sauce which were made on May 9th.

Our sympathies to Karen & Scott Dombrowski & Bob Kember who had their dog, Shylo, (and our church family's) put to sleep recently. We will miss her presence in the office.

Caroline and Bill Southwick express their grateful thanks for the cards, prayers and gifts sent to their daughter, Melanie, after her serious injuries from an auto accident. She is home and improving each day. It will be a long recovery from the broken bones.

Our concern and prayers to Jane and Ross Anderson who are in Canada with Jane's sister who is hospitalized with terminal cancer.

Our continued prayers for Steve Anderson as he receives treatment for thyroid cancer. The prognosis is very good and for that we are grateful.

Our sympathy to Bob Bond and his children Nancy and Bruce and their family on the death of Miriam Bond.

Our prayers to Phil Covato who was the recipient of a donor kidney from Bob McLaughlin last month. Phil is still recuperating and having some set-backs.

Bob was in church on May 9th and looking wonderfully well. We are all so grateful for his quick recovery.

Penny and Patty have returned from Pittsburgh where they went with Bob to keep he and Phil company during their surgery. Penny brought her "mom", Pastor Ruth, a bumper sticker and Patty brought Karen a teddy bear for the Teddy Bear Ministry.

Rumor has it that Penny developed an "attitude problem" when everyone was paying more attention to Bob than they were to her. Elaine had to have a little chat with her. Penny was glad to be home in her condo at the Church on the Cape last Sunday.