

THE CHIMES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BAR HARBOR CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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It's April, but as I write this I am watching yet another snowfall. But I know in my minds eye what spring looks like, and that inspires me to write about spring.

Sandra is on a well deserved sabbatical. So I will be pitching in while she is gone. I would like to start this issue with a prayer:

What a day we have in your creation, dear God! There is so much beauty surrounding us, and with a song of inspiration you have opened our eyes to the glory of life.

We thank you for the many people that come and go from our lives on a daily basis. They enrich us with their accents and different perspectives. We thank you dear God for all these people and their diversity for we are reminded how your Spirit of Creation sought to fill this world with uniqueness and originality.

In the same manner that no two snow

flakes are alike, we must acknowledge that every child has a special place in our community.

We remember the words of comfort spoken by your son, Jesus, that in your house, dear God, there are many rooms. You make room for every one of us, and you call us to do the same.

Making room not only for those who think and act like us, for all people who are part of this diverse community. Help us to make room for every man, woman and child.

May our community be enriched by the many people who call it home. Bless us with the Spirit of hospitality and openness, so we may create a brighter and more faithful generation of Christian leaders.

What a day we have in your creation, dear God, to enjoy all the possibilities that you're Spirit places before us. Amen.

Dusty



Worship Leaders During Sandra's Sabbatical

<u>April 6</u>	<u>Sandra Reed</u>
<u>April 13</u>	<u>Dusty Warner</u>
<u>April 20</u>	<u>Ward Holder</u>
<u>April 27</u>	<u>Dusty Warner</u>
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<u>May 4</u>	<u>Dusty Warner</u>
<u>May 11</u>	<u>Sandra Reed</u>
<u>May 18</u>	<u>Ward Holder</u>
<u>May 25</u>	<u>Dusty Warner</u>
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<u>June 1</u>	<u>Sandra Reed</u>
<u>June 8</u>	<u>Jenny Reece</u>
<u>June 15</u>	<u>Dusty Warner</u>
<u>June 22</u>	<u>Jenny Reece</u>
<u>June 29</u>	<u>Dusty Warner</u>

The Rev. Ward Holder is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece is an ordained minister in the Reformed Church.

Sandra M. Reed



Simon Richard Bishop, born February 16, 2008, son of Deidre and Adam Bishop, Sister Greta, Grandmother Kathy Keif, Great Grandmother Jean Kief.

Connor Joseph Kane, born February 19, 2008, son of Seth and Michele Kane.



The Bar Harbor Congregational Church History - Part 2 By: Deborah Dyer, Church Historian

The history of our church continues to grow. Many ministers have served over 125 years. The list is as follows:

The Rev. A. J. McGown	1883-1885
The Rev. Joseph Torrey	1885-1890
The Rev. George Freeman	1891-1894
The Rev. Richard Owen	1895-1902
The Rev. Angus MacDonald	1903-1922
The Rev. J. Homer Nelson	1922-1948
The Rev. James Lancaster	1948-1953
The Rev. Verne Smith	1954-1956
The Rev. Ronald Mosley	1957-1964
The Rev. Harold Symons	1964-1968
The Rev. Raymond Hahn	1969-1972
The Rev. William Booth	1972-1984
The Rev. Susan Ingham	1984-1991
The Rev. Marshall Hughes	1992-1997
The Rev. Dr. Sandra Reed	1998-present

During the pastoral service of Rev. MacDonald the Maine Sea Coast Missionary Society was established at our church. He also ministered to the Little Church at Otter Creek, and through the kindness of Mrs. John S. Kennedy, a summer resident whose cottage was "Kenarden" a community building was erected there in 1916.

Many organists have provided music to lift our hearts and souls: Marian Higgins, Rose Morse, Pearl Wescott, Armida Higgins, Rea Buckley, Margaret Dyer (who played for 27 years), Mary Booher, Laverne Bloomquist, Judy Fuller, Laurel Bass, Bev Blaisdell, Rick Dostic, Tom Wallace, Andrea Horner Semels, and Kimberly Haller.

This does not mention the interim ministers or organists that we have had over the course of 125 years.

Many Sextons (custodians) have served faithfully over the years. Mr. H. A. Brown served as the first sexton, and it was Mr. Brown's great grandson, Henry Brown, and his future bride, Mary Keene, who were the 1st couple married in the new church on October 6, 1951.

If you look at some of the old photos of school graduating classes or sports teams prior to the church fire of February 9, 1942, it is noted that most photos were taken on the front granite steps and under the granite arch.

"The Church has stood for over a century as a beacon in the Christian life of this community. Long may its light continue to shine in the course of righteousness for God and our country."



Leap-a-thon

The Leap-a-thon, held on February 29th, was a great success! The children played games, made frogs galore and had a blast doing everything!

The adults had a great time, too! Patty Berry, Cindy Fox and Mary Swift organized the event. Patsy Nishina made a wonderful supper for everyone. Michelle Gurtler and Kathy MacCulloch kept the kids thoroughly entertained with a variety of games with marshmallows. Doug McMinnimy, Marianne Dimauro, Kendra Duley, and Susan Swift, all pitched in and helped do crafts, clean up and anything else that needed doing. Thank you all for helping make this a successful event.

Youth Group News

The 3rd & 4th Grade Youth Group made Easter cards for the shut-ins. They had planned a trip to Sonogee, but had to cancel due to the flu that has been going around. We have rescheduled our visit for May 1st and are planning on bringing May Basket's that the youth group has made.

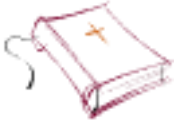
The 5th & 6th grade youth group will start meeting on a regular basis starting April 10th. They will be meeting on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month.

The youth groups will begin planning a campout/retreat for this summer. We hope that any youth that is interested will join us in the fun, singing and finding the quiet within as we explore God's beauty around us. Campouts, sleeping under the stars, hiking, sitting around a campfire, laughing and singing can help bring us closer to each other and to God.

Library

The summer project for Christian Education is to work on the library, organizing and getting new, updated books & resources for the library. If you have read a good book recently and would like to donate it to the library or recommend a book for the library, please let Mary Swift know. The goal is to have good books for the children, youth and adults to use. We would also like to include books that are being read by the book groups in the church. Thank You

Upcoming Events



Bible Presentations

Sunday, April 20th our 3rd Graders will be receiving their Bibles during the church service. They receive their Bible after attending 3 classes learning about the Bible. Kathy MacCulloch teaches these classes and designed the course. Please contact Kathy MacCulloch or Mary Swift if your child is in 4th or 5th grade and has not received a bible. They are welcome to join this class.



Spring Fling Potluck Dinner

Sunday, April 27th, 11:30 a.m.

This is our annual spring dinner right after church. We have lots of fun planned as we share a meal with our church community.

Come and Join the Fun!

Mary Swift

The Timeless Message of Easter

If Jesus had stayed in the grave—

When you feel lonely, you'd be truly alone.

When you feel afraid, your fears would win.

When you feel helpless, you'd be defeated.

When you die, you'd face judgment and hell.

But Jesus didn't stay in the grave

And if He is your Lord and Savior—

You'll never be alone. He's always with you.

Your fears can be erased by His love.

He's there to help you in every trying time.

When you die, you'll have eternal life.

That's the timeless message of Easter.

Author unknown

To enrich your love of Jesus, please look at this month's calendar for activities that will bring you together with others in study and fellowship, and help to move you closer to Him. Please call Paul in the church office at 288-3280 for additional information.

Yes, I Can!

I cannot alleviate poverty, but I can feed one hungry person. I cannot end war, but I can extend a branch of peace to my neighbor. I cannot prevent death, but I can hold the hand of a dying man. That may not seem like much, but it is far harder than to devise schemes for social betterment, and it is everything. Christ said, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40, niv).

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- Administrative Professionals Day, April 23, 2008



An Ancient Prayer

God of our life, there are days when the burdens we carry chafe our shoulders and weigh us down; when the road seems dreary and endless, the skies gray and threatening; when our lives have no music in them, and our hearts are lonely, and our souls have lost their courage.

Flood the path with light, we beseech Thee; turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise; tune our hearts to brave music; give us the sense of comradeship with heroes and saints of every age; and so quicken our spirits that we may be able to encourage the souls of all who journey with us on the road of life, to Thy honor and glory.

—Saint Augustine



We can't do it alone

There are many things which a person can do alone, but being a Christian is not one of them. The Christian life is, above all things, a state of union with Christ, and of union of his followers with one another. Love of the brethren is inseparable from love of God. Resentment toward any human being cannot exist in the same heart with love to God. The personal relationship to Christ can only be realized when one has "come to himself" as a member of His Body, the Christian fellowship.

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- 2 Marsha Fuller
- 6 Hannah Paradis
- 8 Jane Boynton
- 14 Kathy Woodside
- 16 Jane Haraden
- 19 Barbara Adler
- 22 Esther Testa
- 23 Donald Hobbs
- 23 Lisa Krautwald
- 25 Jan Varnum
- 26 Caitie Smith
- 30 Ethel Drake



Sunday Worship Contributors

Head Deacon – Sheridan Steele
Assistant Deacon – Fran Fry

Liturgists-

- 6: Mimi Dickson
- 13: Dana Reed
- 20: Scott Hammond
- 27: David Lind

Flowers –

- 6: Beverly McNeal
- 13: George and Billie Mitchell
- 20: Jean Kief, Cecil and Lucy Sprague
- 27:

Coffee Hosts -

- 6: Cindy and Rod Fox
- 13: Anne and Dusty Warner
- 20: Karen McFarland
- 27: Ginny and Ben Blaney

Bible Readings -

- 6 Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1st Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35
- 13 Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1st Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10
- 20 Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1st Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14
- 27 Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1st Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21