



"Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!" (Psalm 97:12)

January 2021

I listen to a lot of radio and radio programs on podcasts (audio programs available through computers and mobile devices). At the end of many of those programs, the host will list the engineers, reporters, technicians, directors, designers, administrators, musicians, producers and other contributors that make that program possible.

I want to acknowledge as 2020 draws to a close all those who have made possible our worship ministry with which I am involved—the ministry of the Gray Memorial UMC. At the risk of leaving someone unnamed (and if I have, let me know and I will put an additional note in next month's newsletter), it is important to acknowledge these major contributions, most of whom had no idea that they would be so involved. Early in the year, our ushering team, led by Neal Genz, kept us organized on Sunday morning. Margaret Cyr and the senior choir offered weekly music that builds on each week's theme and tone. It may seem like a long time ago, but back in March the choir treated us to our own worship version of selections from *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Dean and Chris, I can still imagine you bringing those characters to life that morning). I have been grateful to the many musicians who have offered their musical talents during our “special music” time throughout the year. Jolene Boucher organizes our monthly communion and Mary Ouellette coordinates home communion. Each week, our liturgists guide us in hearing God's voice in the scriptures and the liturgy. In pre-pandemic days, acolytes symbolically carry in the light of God and assist with communion. Arie Davenport and our child care volunteers provided programming for our children during worship. The Worship Committee, led by Bobbi Pelletier, faithfully aids in the planning of worship overall and special events throughout the year. Judson Drake works tirelessly each week to open the building, make sure we have heat, set up the room, clean the sanctuary and assist with sound needs. When we were outdoors, Judson was our chief sound engineer. Since the pandemic arrived, what you see each Sunday would not be possible or would be so much less than it is without the dedicated team of Alaina Pethick and Will Barnum. While you ordinarily only see me and a liturgist on the screen, they are as present in the room as the rest of us, making sure we have a picture and sound, including editing and playing pre-recorded files of music and voice. They have spent countless hours making sure that, as worship has evolved in 2020, we have the needed equipment, test the equipment and troubleshoot when problems arise or we don't to try something new. Will had also been making slides for the sanctuary screen early this year. Since March, Bobbi has produced transcripts for those who are unable to watch our services online. Bobbi also handles numerous details related to worship, including changing the paraments and banners, maintaining our prayer list and setting up our rotations. Tamara Wilcox directs our handbell choir and after the pandemic developed a group that has become known as the Parsonage Potato Pealers. Chris Dare has assisted with sound on Sundays as well as been part of the team that is acquiring new equipment for the church. Dean Rauch has been coordinating our music since November. And, of course, there is you. Together, we direct our praise to God. Your presence informs and guides our worship throughout the year. You pray. You give feedback. You are what people miss most. All this dedication is to praise God, to grow in how we can be part of God's work in the world and to build community committed to living a worshipful life and to be a people embodying Good News in the world. Thank you, thank you, thank you one and all!! Have a blessed Christmas season and I pray that you will continually encounter God's blessings in 2021.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Tim

Send Your Ideas

As we near the end of the year-long sermon series, Rev. Tim plans to use the month between the end of the series in January and the beginning of Lent in late February to conclude this whirlwind tour of the Bible with your ideas. What stories, scriptures or themes weren't part of this year's sermon series that you would have liked to have heard preached about in worship? Send your sermon ideas (theme, scripture passage or scripture story/character) to Rev. Tim before January 10. He will use as many of your ideas for the remaining Sundays before Lent.



Caribou Clock

Publisher - Gray Memorial United Methodist Church
2 Prospect Street, P. O. Box 69
Caribou ME 04736
E-mail: graymemorial@outlook.com

Date: January 2021
Church Office: 498-2103
Website: <http://www.bgmumc.com>

Greetings from the Church Office!

We continue to provide on-line Worship Services through Facebook Live and our new equipment should arrive soon, which will enable us to enhance our capabilities. Until the various leadership groups (Worship Committee, Church Council and Re-entry Task Group) feel it is safe to offer in-person services, continuing with on-line services remains the safest option especially with the recent COVID cases in the area.

If you don't have internet access, printed transcripts of each Sunday Worship, Thursday Devotions and the weekly email Newsletter are available. Just contact the Church Office to be added to that mailing list.

Even though the church building remains closed for services and meetings, you may visit the church any Monday morning from 9am to noon just to take a tour to see all the updates that have occurred recently. If you do visit the church, please follow a few simple rules: sign-in on the clipboard that hangs just inside the back door, do not turn on any sanctuary lights using the "old" breaker panels, and if you use the new upstairs bathroom in the Narthex, please close the door when you leave.

Please help me meet deadlines by submitting things for the Newsletter when due. It is very difficult to "pull it all together" at the last minute and create a quality product. **For our next Newsletter, all input must be submitted by 10:00am on Friday, January 22nd!**

Until next month.....

Bobbi Pelletier
Church Secretary



December Prayer Joys and Concerns

Prayer Concerns: Debbie & Lu Sharp, Sheila Belyea, Dave & Marcia DeMerchant, Dave Corriveau, Phyllis Sykes, Emily Stuart, Robin Stuart, James Stuart, Bob Cyr, George & Joyce Knorr, Meaghan (Lombard) Cousins, Richard & Susan Clark, Gary & Marilyn Langley, Martin Gallant, Doris Jeffery, Ralph Ferguson, Rev. Dan & Lynn Blevins, Betty & Lynn McNeal, Carol Duprey, Luana Reitmeyer, Elsie Doody, Caribou Rehab & Nursing Center, Debbie Pringnitz's family members recovering from COVID (sister-in law Margaret; 2 nieces Julie & Jody; Jody's daughter)

On Family Death: Family of Doris Jeffery; Family of Paul Hanson, Jr.; Family of Donald Chatman; Family of Iver Soderberg; Family of Ray Gervais; Family of Lynn Blevins; Family of Frank Harris; Family of Lynn McNeal

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PROVIDE A MAILING ADDRESS FOR PEOPLE OR FAMILIES YOU PUT ON THE PRAYER LIST SO WE CAN SEND THEM A NOTE FROM REV. TIM. WE OFTEN HEAR FROM RECIPIENTS ON HOW TOUCHED THEY ARE THAT WE OFFERED PRAYERS FOR THEM!

REMINDERS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LITURGIST</u>
Jan 3	Friedrich Wilcox
Jan 10	Althea Wilcox
Jan 17	Tamara Wilcox
Jan 24	Mary Lou Brown

Please note that the church building remains officially closed for services and meetings, but you may come and visit while Bobbi is working in the church office!

While we are going through this situation, remember to take care of yourself and stay in contact with your friends and family!

If you would like to have someone placed on the prayer list and/or you would like an alternate (non-internet based) way of receiving notes from the sermon, please call the church office. Bobbi has transcribed all the Sunday Worship services and Thursday Devotions since the middle of March and they are available for emailing or mailing. Please contact the church office if you are interested in receiving any of the earlier transcripts and get placed on the mailing list!

* * January Birthdays & Anniversaries * *

Birthdays and Anniversaries are celebrated on the first Sunday during Coffee Fellowship.

Remember your birthday & anniversary by making a special offering!



2	Colleen Harmon	16	Julie Ordway
3	Jennifer Branscom	18	Phil Brown, Francis Cyr
4	Jennifer Espling, Betty Fowler, Jennifer Norsworthy	20	Tanner Sterner
7	Anthony Morrow, Katie Smith	23	Jean Cashman, Carter Irving, Ken Peters
10	Aaron Greenier	26	Sheila Belyea
12	Steve Belyea, Lauren McHattie	27	Paul Pangburn
13	Sheila Pelletier, Bessie Thornton	28	Lauren Craig
14	Michelle Nichols, Alan Pangburn	29	Winnie Brown, Katie Pelletier
15	Parker Stallings	30	Louis Greenier, Michael Scott
		31	Mona Johnson



8	Ken & Elsie Doody	22	Bob & Norma Thompson
	26	Ken & Tammy Albert	

If your name or the name of someone in the Gray Memorial Family does not appear on this list and you would like to add it, please contact the church office, 498-2103.

Corrections are ALWAYS appreciated!!! If you know someone whose last name has changed, please let Bobbi know so she can update the database.


 Finance &
 Stewardship
 Committee

Worship Attendance and General Fund Offerings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Operating Fund Offering</u>
Nov 29	On-line Service (FB Live)	\$1,103.92
Dec 6	On-line Service (FB Live)	\$6,520.72
Dec 13	On-line Service (FB Live)	\$3,139.72
Dec 20	On-line Service (FB Live)	\$4,296.00
Dec 27	On-line Service (FB Live)	\$4,890.00

Needed to meet 2020 Budget: \$4,427.15 weekly

“Growing in Faith” Capital Campaign Account (previously known as “Capital Account Seed Money”):

As we continue to receive the Growing in Faith (GIF) donations, we will report the balance in the account each month. As of December 27th, the balance in the account is \$96,178.38 (of that amount, the “furnace replacement donations” total \$32,828.00. All donations made for the “Furnace Replacement” will be held in this account until needed.) . In December, a payment to SW Collins for \$16.50 was processed for railing paint, which was covered by residual monies donated for the new bathroom.

Photo Directory Changes (January 2021 Newsletter changes):

Alden, Roy & Beth – new address: 1144 North Shore Road Box F-10, Stockholm, ME 04783

Jeffery, Doris: Deceased December 4, 2020



You can make a contribution to our church through a mobile app!

To get started, download GivePlus Church for free from the App Store or Google Play. Simply search for “GivePlus Church” to quickly find and download the app today. Then, you can easily make donations directly from your smartphone using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.

You can also choose to donate as a guest or set up an account that allows you to securely and conveniently schedule recurring donations and manage and review your giving history.

We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry! Thanks for your support!

Please note that you can make arrangements to have your tithes and offerings withdrawn from your account on a regular basis, thus ensuring your donations are received even when/if you are unable to attend church. Please contact Tamara Wilcox for additional information.



**SCHOOL SUPPLIES, CLOTHING (SOCKS, UNDERWEAR, ETC.) AND HYGIENE ITEMS FOR LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN.
DUE TO THE COVID-19 SITUATION, THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE WILL SUSPEND THIS PROJECT UNTIL IT IS SAFE TO ACCEPT DONATIONS.**



The Wilcox Family participated in the Living Nativity Scene on Tuesday, December 22nd! Thank you!

Worship & Ministry Opportunities During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Weekly Devotion – posted Thursdays on GMUMC's Facebook page and on YouTube

Sunday Worship – posted Sunday mornings on Facebook page and on YouTube; some upcoming Worship may utilize Facebook live or Zoom; more details to be announced

Bible Study – if you are interested in an online Bible Study, contact Rev. Tim

Phone Tree – please reach out to people in the congregation, family, friends and community members; if you are comfortable, there are persons confined to their homes for health reasons that may need deliveries of food, medicine and other necessities

Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry – The CEFP is implementing a plan we hope will allow the pantry to keep open on a no or limited contact basis for the duration of this crisis as food insecurity appears to be growing in our area. If you can offer yourself for packing boxes or assisting at the pantry in some fashion, contact Ruthann Weeks.

Bobbi Pelletier is available by phone at home and email for church business during her usual hours, M-F from 9-noon, but is more often working from home. The Gray Memorial building remains closed until further notice. We are asking that people NOT come to the church in-person unless you have an essential item to be picked up or dropped off that can't be handled in any other way. Tithes and offerings should be contributed using one of the methods outlined below. This procedure is meant to protect the health of our remaining staff who use the building and the people with whom they live or with whom they have contact. Thank you for your understanding. Rev. Tim is available for appointments by phone and video conference. Mondays continue to be his usual day off. Contact him by phone or email to arrange a time.

**** Worship services in the church sanctuary with Rev. Tim along with a liturgist, soloist and tech personnel began on Sunday, October 18th. We urge people to heed the recommendations and directives of local, state and CDC officials due to the large numbers of people at elevated and high risk during this COVID-19 outbreak. The church, that is the people of God, is not closed. Even though we will be conducting ministries in ways that are different than what is familiar, it is no less ministry.**





Give Us a Hand

Giving continues to be important for our ministries that are continuing and adapting. Your ongoing tithes and offerings will make it both possible to maintain ministries during this time of international pandemic and to position us for ministry needs when the crisis is over.

There are currently four ways to make your contributions to GMUMC:

- Send checks by mail to Gray Memorial United Methodist Church, PO Box 69, Caribou, ME 04736. Include your offering envelope if you have one.
- By Phone through VANCO, a third party company providing financial and donation services. Call 800-675-7430 to make a gift to Gray Memorial United Methodist Church in Caribou, Maine.
- By EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) via VANCO--several people have already chosen this method for recurring gifts. If you are interested in this method, please contact Tamara Wilcox, 492-0371, to set up an EFT.
- By GivePlus, a mobile application, also offered by VANCO. You can download GivePlus from the Apple App Store or from Google Play. This method supports both recurring and one-time gifts.

All VANCO methods include a nominal service fee for the church. Many people choose the options provided by VANCO for convenience and, for the electronic options, to ensure their gifts are always regularly given. Because of regular giving, research shows churches receive more funds overall using these methods. Contact Tamara Wilcox for more information on giving options.

+++++

From Finance/Stewardship Committee...

I would like to share the progress of our stewardship campaign this season. Though the stewardship drive was done completely by mail this year, we have received 32 pledges to date with \$91,380 pledged towards our operating budget for 2021. This is a great first step in our year long drive and speaks highly of the faith our members and church community has in Gray Memorial UMC and its ministry. Whether a yearlong commitment or a one-time gift, we are truly grateful for the support of our members and congregation. This past year we have seen both faith and grace in action. We have seen the giving of ourselves to others in ways not seen before. Let us not forget that this is a reflection of ourselves, our faith, our relationship with God, and Gray Memorial UMC. Wishing the best to everyone in the coming year....

Melonie Carlson

The Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry is in need of the following items: baked beans or dry beans, any canned meat, spaghetti, stuffing and cranberry sauce (would be great with the holidays coming). Donations may be brought to the church on Monday mornings from 9am to noon. Thank you!



Gray Memorial UMC has an account at the Bennett Drive Redemption Center. When you bring your bottles/cans to the center, you may designate the proceeds to go the church's account! If you are not comfortable bringing them yourselves, contact the Church Office and we'll make arrangements to pick them up!

So far, we have received donations of \$89.40 from this "fun-raiser"! Thank you!



Christmas Plants
In Loving Memory Of ~



† **Doris & Charles Barnes, Jr.; Ruth & Elray DeMerchant** †

Given by: Marcia & David DeMerchant

† **Marjorie Wright, Linda Haefke, Richard McDowell** †

Given by: Bobbi Pelletier

† **Sharon Ramey, Alice & Bruce Ramey** †

Given by: Del Ramey

† **Dora Clark, Dan & Barb Brewer** †

Given by: Clark Brewer and Catherine Brewer

In Honor Of ~

† **Patricia Ramsden; Annabella & Leokadia Brennan** †

Given by: Bobbi Pelletier



The Missions & Evangelism Committee sponsored the "Angel Tree" again this year! We got a list of 18 students and our faithful church members picked their student and brought in gifts for each of them. In addition, a total of \$500 was donated to help some of these families over the Christmas season. Thank you for being such "angels"!



Tree of Lights 2020

Name	In Memory of	In Honor of
Carol & Bob Norsworthy	Marion & Jasper Norsworthy; Cassie & Bill Coffin	
Gwen Ellinwood	Bob Ellinwood, Darlene Nelder, Joanne Smith	
Phyllis Billing	Lela Tilley (mother)	Anabelle Billing (granddaughter)
Ruth & Emmett Ross	Janie Milton	
Judi and Louis Greenier	Hazel Greenier, Marie Sutherland, Hayden Sutherland, Roland Sutherland, Gretchen Gallant, Margaret Turner, Bert Turner, Elden Gardner, Marjorie Giggie, Stanley Sutherland, Esther Page	Samantha Maron Greenier
Melonie Carlson	Melvin Griffin, Deanna Griffin, Wilma Griffin Hicks, Rosemarie Griffin, Carl Griffin	Erika Carlson
Conrad Walton		
Sue White	Doris Jeffery	
Karen White	Doris Jeffery	
Marcia & David DeMerchant	Charles & Doris Barnes, Jr.; Elray & Ruth DeMerchant	
Wendy Bossie	Mr. & Mrs. Maynard Lombard	
Bobbi Pelletier	Irene & Robert McDowell; Marjorie Wright, Linda Haefke, Richard McDowell	Mark Brennan, Andrew Brennan, Saige Brennan, Annabella & Leokadia Brennan
Diane & Phil McDonough	Philip & Betty McDonough; Philip & Ruth Brown; Susan Brown	
Del Ramey	Sharon Ramey	
Duska Franklin	Arline Hemingway, Robert E. Hemingway	Robert M. Hemingway
Ruthann Weeks		My granddaughters - Jillian, Madison and Anna Jandreau
Bruce & Diane Fitzpatrick	Jerry Pelletier, Lt. Col. Jason Pelletier	Vivian & Vincent Bell
Ralph & Gwen Ferguson	Keith Drew	
Neal Genz		Ryan Genz, Francesca Rosella, Emily Stuart
Mary Anderson	John & Elsie Price; Betty Loveland	

Tamara Wilcox has several masks available for sale as part of one of our church fundraisers. Adult/teen and small children's sizes are available. Themes include holidays, outdoor activities and a variety of colorful designs. Contact Tamara (492-0371) if you are interested!





CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
12-17-20

ATTENDEES: Roy Alden (Chair), Claire Hodgkins, Rev. Dr. David Abbot (Director of Stewardship; United Methodist Foundation of New England), Rev. Tim Wilcox, Tamara Wilcox, Bobbi Pelletier, Judson Drake, Alaina Pethick, Melonie Carlson, and Debbie Barnes.

Roy Alden called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM over Zoom and Rev. Tim said a brief prayer of hope. Next, Roy introduced a guest, The Rev. Dr. David Abbot who discussed his many connections to our area. Rev. Abbott conducted a meeting on Stewardship in which the Council members brainstormed ways to conduct a successful Stewardship Campaign and a discussion on financial and attendance issues facing the church, not just with us but also with many churches around the country. Among the many ideas put forward by Rev. Abbott, one that stood out was the one about the church that asked the Congregation if individuals would be willing to take one bill and pay it. A young couple who had just recently started coming to the church services decided to pay towards the pastor's salary. That got the ball rolling.

Rev Abbott commented how pleased he was Gray Memorial UMC was focusing on stewardship in a year-long endeavor. He remarked on the recent letter Melonie sent out to kick off our campaign and how it captured the concept of stewardship, faith and "relationships ". We agreed at his suggestion and the council voted to have Melonie write a follow up letter to those who have yet to return pledges.

Next was a discussion of the new camera and video equipment which is going to be an exciting new tool for the Barnums to aid in presenting the services and other possibilities. It should arrive in the next week. Meanwhile they will be organizing and getting everything else in place so when it does come they can be up and running without too much delay.

SPRC: Debbie Barnes reported that her committee stays in contact with the staff.

TRUSTEES: Judson says repairs and improvements are an ongoing battle. He told Council members that the church hot water heater had to be replaced and the furnace blower no longer works. He will get that fixed or replaced. Judson announced that the Trustees will be giving \$17,000.00 toward Mission Shares. This was a very happy surprise for the Council members. It will be coming from the Permanent Fund. Judson plans to have the sanctuary lights on during the days leading up to Christmas from 4PM to 11 PM.

Bobbi asked about status of 2021 pledges. Tamara reported that we've received 27 pledges totaling \$74,780. After some discussion, it was decided that we will send a follow-up letter to those who had pledged in previous years. Bobbi will research church files for letters we've used in the past and will send it to Melonie.

OTHER:

There will be a live Nativity on Tuesday, Dec. 22, and Wednesday, Dec. 23 leading up to Christmas. The little building that David DeMerchant built for the Nativity will be erected Monday. Also, there will be the annual but virtual Christmas Eve Service Thursday, Dec. 24th at 4 PM.

The Christmas trees have about all been sold. The Church received a \$300 gift. The profit from tree sales is approximately \$2,700.00.

The Council will make plans to make ways to connect people who do not have access to a computer.

Rev. Tim announced that Diane McDonough has volunteered to serve as the Memorials Committee Chair for the current term ending June 30th. The Church Council approved this nomination.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8 PM. The next meeting will be on January 21, 2021 at 6:30pm.
Respectfully, Claire Hodgkins, Secretary

REPORTS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE MEETING:

CLUSTER: The December 3rd meeting came to order at 9:05 am with the following in attendance via Zoom due to the corona virus. Ellen Cleaves, Marge Yeager, Tim Wilcox, Victor Han, Paula Lilley, HyungYong Choi, John DeFelice, Cheryl Stratton, Mary Miller and Sue Brown.

Cheryl led us in devotions sharing from scripture and from *Reclaiming the Gospel of Peace* by Roger Hutchinson...a powerful and poignant story of reaching a child who had been traumatized by life. Discussion of how everyone, young and old, has a story – and the need to have awareness, grace and kindness rather than judgment when dealing with others.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the November 3rd meeting were accepted as presented. Motion to approve by Marge and seconded by Cheryl. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Paula reported no activity on the checkbook and the current balance is unchanged at \$523.05. Motion to approve by Tim and seconded by Choi. Motion carried.

Celebrating Families

No report at this time.

Cluster Thanksgiving Service

Thanks expressed to Victor, Tim and Chris for their work putting together the virtual Thanksgiving Service. Thanks to Marge for preparing the Discipleship certificates and to Mary for delivering some of them. All agreed that it was a wonderful service and a joy to be connected with our brothers and sisters in the Cluster.

Pulpit Exchange and Ongoing Virtual Ministry

After discussion, we opted to wait on this for now. Chris suggested that we ask our folks to “like” and “share” our videos to reach a larger audience. Additionally, we could add the links for other Cluster church services to our pages. Discussion was had around virtual coverage to provide for time to rest and renew. John shared that he may need significant help this spring due to multiple family illnesses. We are blessed to have a cluster clergy that is so willing to help one another (yes, that is an editorial comment =>)

2021 Discipleship Recognition

Do not need to discuss until next spring.

Cluster Mission Project – St. Apollonia Festival of Trees

The Thanksgiving Offerings for St. Apollonia have been handled in multiple ways. **Everyone, please take a moment to email Paula and let her know if your church will be sending funds to the Cluster to be included in a single check.** Paula will wait until everyone has weighed in and then send a check when she receives all gifts earmarked for St. Apollonia Dental Clinic.

Confirmation Class

On Hold.

Coronavirus

Given the spike in coronavirus cases in Aroostook County and the entire state of Maine, several of our churches have returned to (or remain in) virtual worship only.

New Business

Cluster Christmas Eve Service

After discussion, it was agreed that a virtual Cluster Christmas Eve Service would be a positive and safe choice for this year. If any churches wish to do their own, they can still participate in this Cluster Service as well. Mary agreed to put together the Order of Worship and be in contact with everyone to confirm "parts" using the Service of Lessons and Carols from the Book of Worship. Thank you, Mary! Carols can be provided as solos, instrumentals, or family groups from each of our churches as offered. We will need to make sure there is ample communication to prevent the same carol from being presented more than once =>). Chris has agreed to putting together the video to upload and will set a deadline for our submissions. Thank you, Chris!

Joys and Concerns

Tim invited us to share from our weariness with all that this year has brought. After other joys/concerns were shared, Chris offered a healing prayer for the clergy and others.

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP:

From Financial Secretary Report: The November EOM Report is as follows - The Offering combined with the loose offering for November was \$12,148.64 making the End YTD \$144,438.62. Special Funds for Church Use in November was \$4,687.25; YTD \$109,674.74; No Reimbursements in November; YTD \$948.75. No Special Funds (Not for Church Use) in November; YTD \$1,053.10. Total of all donations received through EOM November \$256,115.21.

From Treasurer Reports: The November expenses are as follows: Program spending for November was \$546.80 and YTD spending was \$6,372.82. The 2020 Budget for Programs YTD was \$9,200.00.

Trustees spent \$3,690.74 in November and YTD Trustees have spent \$40,083.76 of the 2020 Budget that called for \$57,460. SPRC spent \$8,215.46 in November and YTD have spent \$100,518.38 of the 2020 budget as of 11/20 of \$123,232.00. New England Expenses are as follows: Church paid \$823.73 for Pastor Pension Benefit in November; YTD NEC Expenses as of November are \$911,597.28

The church spent \$13,276.73 in November, YTD the church spent \$158,572.24. The 2020 Budget called for \$230,211.75 YTD. The weekly Tithes and offerings need is \$4,427.15. Mission Shares need is \$2,536.25/mo. We are 10 months behind as of November 30, 2020 which comes to \$25,362.50.

The Dead River Budget Plan balance as of EOM November: Church=(\$5,051.28); Parsonage= (\$641.26)

The November Checkbook figures are as follows:

Beginning Balance	\$4,619.48
2020 Operating Income	12,148.64
2020 Fun-raising Proceeds	1,398.30
Interest	2.30
Less EFT fees	(29.46) VANCO fees (EFT Deposits)
Less Expenses	(13,276.73)
Ending Balance	\$4,862.55

Note: Ending Balance w/o PPP & fun-raising monies = (\$14,135.75)

The Total November figures for Special Funds for Church Use:

Previous Balance	Deposits	Spent	Current Balance
\$19,854.57	\$4,487.25	\$6,022.14	\$18,519.68

Total November figures for Capital Account Seed Money:

\$89,066.81	\$4,439.26	\$117.75	\$93,388.32 (Furnace Fund = \$32,828.00)
-------------	------------	----------	--

BUDGET YTD

Target: \$211,027.44; Tithes & Offerings: \$144,728.34; Total Expenses: \$180,934.74;

Unpaid Expenses: \$25,362.50

Average Attendance for Month of November = 62*; Average Attendance YTD = 72.

*Average Attendance is aggregate of in-person and virtual counts

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JANUARY 2021!!!

THIS CALENDAR SHOWS EVENTS THAT ARE STILL OCCURRING WHILE THE BUILDING REMAINS CLOSED TO THE CONGREGATION!

Friday	01		<u>FEDERAL HOLIDAY - NEW YEAR'S DAY - CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED</u>

Sunday	03	10:00am	Worship from the Sanctuary; Epiphany Sunday; FB Live
Tuesday	05	6:00pm	Congregational Care Team Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday	07	9:00am	Aroostook Cluster Meeting (Zoom)
		10:00am	Thursday Devotion On-line (Facebook & YouTube)
Friday	08	9:30am	Worship Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Sunday	10	10:00am	Worship from the Sanctuary; Baptism of the Lord Sunday; FB Live
Thursday	14	10:00am	Thursday Devotion On-line (Facebook & YouTube)
		6:30pm	SPRC Meeting (Zoom)

Sunday	17	10:00am	Worship from the Sanctuary; Second Sunday after the Epiphany; Human Relations Day; FB Live
Monday	18		<u>FEDERAL HOLIDAY - MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY - CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED</u>
Tuesday	19	7:00pm	Trustees Meeting
Thursday	21	10:00am	Thursday Devotion On-line (Facebook & YouTube)
		6:30pm	Church Council Meeting (Zoom)
Friday	22	10:00am	<u>DEADLINE FOR ALL NEWSLETTER INPUT!!!!</u>

Sunday	24	10:00am	Worship from the Sanctuary; Third Sunday after the Epiphany; Ecumenical Sunday; FB Live
Thursday	28	10:00am	Thursday Devotion On-line (Facebook & YouTube)

Sunday	31	10:00am	Worship from the Sanctuary; Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany; FB Live

Note: Instructions to join in through Zoom for all Services and meetings will be sent out in advance.