



"My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing." –James 1:2-4

Most of us have experienced personal, family or community losses. Several of these come to us in unexpected, often tragic ways. These experiences stretch our conception of faith. It isn't unusual for someone to respond to a crisis, well-meaning as they may be, with an urging to have more faith, as if the depth of faith we have will insulate us from the dangers inherent in living in the world. Recently, I have heard it said that if we have enough faith, God will protect us from contracting COVID or keep us from dying from this terrible disease. Too often we misread the parable of the mustard seed, concluding that faith would allow us to be a modern day Merlin—able to wave our magic wands as it were and anything we wish would come true. As we see in James (above) faith isn't so much about changing the "whys" of life but more about the "whats," namely our response to tragedies, trials and hardships when they happen.

There is an old story that illustrates this idea better than any I know: there was once a man living in a two-story house. The man attended worship nearly every week and prayed every day. He dedicated much of his week to the work of the church and couldn't imagine life without Jesus as his guide. One day, heavy rains came to his town. It rained all day and all night. The rain continued over the next couple days, heavy at times. The river that ran through the man's town soon left its banks. The flood waters began to threaten several streets' worth of homes. Police and fire crews began to knock on doors to encourage people to evacuate. When they came to the man's door, they urged him to pack up some belongings so they could transport him to safety. "I will be OK," said the man. "I have faith that God will protect me." The crew tried to convince the man to come with them, but the man insisted on staying. Meanwhile, the waters continued to rise. As the water filled his ground floor, the man retreated to the second floor. A woman came by in a canoe. She noticed the man looking out his second-floor window. The woman called out, "Sir, come with me. I can take you to a safe place." "Thank you," said the man, "but I know everything will work out. Jesus won't let me down." The woman didn't want to leave him. However, she wanted to check on other homes in the area and paddled on. It didn't take long for the water to begin to pour into the second floor. So, the man climbed on to his roof. He sat there for several hours as the flood waters continued to rise. Eventually, the man heard the sound of a helicopter. The pilot spotted him on his roof. A ladder was lowered from the helicopter and a rescuer climbed down to meet the man. "Come with me," said the rescuer. "We will fly you to safety." "I appreciate your efforts," said the man, "but I have faith that God will keep me safe." The rescuer pleaded with the man to come with him but the man was resolute. He would not go. God would be his salvation. The helicopter flew away. The waters continued to rise, gradually covering the roof. Eventually, the man was unable to hang on and was swept away by the waters. Since he could not swim, the man drowned. Next the man saw St. Peter in heaven. The man was livid with anger. "How could God let me down?!?! I told everyone that God would protect me and keep me safe!! I had faith and God abandoned me!!" Peter seemed taken aback. "God did a lot for you. First, he sent the emergency crew before the floods reached your house. Then, as the flood waters rose, he sent the woman on the canoe and the rescue helicopter. What more did you expect?"

Too often, we approach faith with magical thinking. Now, do miracles happen? Absolutely. Can the seemingly impossible be possible? Of course. Do these possibilities absolve us of making responsible choices? No, they don't. I wouldn't tell me children not to study for a test because I had faith God would give them a good result. I wouldn't tell someone that if they have faith enough they could run every red light and stop sign safely. This is what I mean by magical thinking. Yet, when it comes to our personal health and safety, we often do exactly that. The faith of my grandmother, an active Christian her entire adult life, did not spare her from dying of COVID. Lynn Blevins, wife of Pastor Dan Blevins of the Stetson Memorial UMC in Patten, was a person of significant faith. The combined prayers of people across New England did not save her from COVID. Does that mean we are people of little faith? Our faith does not shield us from the human experience in this world. Rather, faith transforms our perspective. Faith enables us to see the world from God's perspective and to orient our lives to God's leading. In our present situation, I am grateful for the scientists gifted by God who have developed vaccines that have greatly reduced the odds of serious illness and death. I am thankful for people with expertise and interest in finding out what it takes to improve our odds of safety as we continue to learn about how respiratory diseases like the novel coronavirus spread. I have gratitude for leaders who make the tough choices before them with the common good in mind. Does that mean I might be restricted in some activities? Yes. Would more of God's children survive this terrible pandemic? Yes. When I think of everyone as my own brothers and sisters, I see the world in a different light. If I thought God actually worked in the world in a way that chose some and not others for seemingly arbitrary reasons as the man's anger in the above story suggested he believed, I wouldn't want to follow a god like that. Faith isn't a shield against the potential horrors, disappointments and heartbreaks of life. Faith—given through equally generous, unmerited grace to all—gives us the endurance, perspective and hope to endure. Why? Because we are a resurrection people. Because of faith, I know that the present trials are not the worst thing, the last word or the end of the story. Because of Jesus' death on a cross and subsequent resurrection, I have the opportunity to live a joy-filled life throughout my days on Earth and in the life to come, unburdened by the weight of the world's sin and always with hope for the future. On that I have faith! --Rev. Tim



The Caribou Clock

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Greetings from the Church Office!

We recently had to again require face coverings/masks while inside the church building. We encourage everyone to adhere to this requirement.

We hope to one more Outdoor Service on September 26th, weather permitting. We will be able to sing a few hymns, as we did on July 25th. Coffee Fellowship is not scheduled for Sundays when we worship outdoors, but if the weather prevents it, members of the Worship Committee will provide simple refreshments after the indoor service.

The Chicken BBQ on August 7th was a great success! A big thank-you to Friedrich Wilcox for all his leadership. The net proceeds were \$3,209.63!!! Please note the BBQ's Financial Report included later in this Newsletter.

The Worship Committee sponsored a very special service on August 22nd to honor the 16 individuals we have lost during the time of the pandemic. It was a very touching service. Thank you to Debbie Barnes for the suggestion and Alaina Pethick and Rev. Tim in helping design this special service.

Please help me meet deadlines by submitting things for the Newsletter when due. **For our next Newsletter, all input must be submitted by 10am on Thursday, September 23rd!!!!**

Until next month.....

Bobbi Pelletier
Church Secretary



August Prayer Joys and Concerns

Prayer Concerns: Debbie & Lu Sharp, Sheila Belyea, Dave DeMerchant, Phyllis Sykes, Robin Stuart, James Stuart, Bob Cyr, George & Joyce Knorr, Richard & Susan Clark, Gary & Marilyn Langley, Martin Gallant, Ralph & Gwen Ferguson, Audrey Bubar (Caribou Rehab Center), Sylvia Akeley, Jeff Franklin, Diana Rauch, Dot Wakem, Jason Rife, Ericka Skidgel Martell, Steve Doody, Barb Souther, Barb Rossignol, Aubrey Knorr, Ed Ouellette, Russell Sutherland, Herman Wright, Diana Adamson

On Family Death: Family of Keith Ireland; Family of Dr. Robert Buchanan;

Other: Prayer for wisdom for people to do the right thing and get vaccinated. Stop the spread of COVID. Prayers for those in southern New England affected by Hurricane Henri.

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>	<u>Organist/Pianist</u>	<u>COUNTER</u>	<u>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP</u>
Sep 5	Kathleen Forbes	Margaret Cyr	Elsie Doody	SPRC
Sep 12	Claire Hodgkins	N/A (Dan Schall)	Mary Ouellette	Missions & Evangelism
Sep 19	Mary Ouellette	Judi Greenier	Mary Ouellette	Education Committee
Sep 26	Samuela Manages	N/A	Mary Ouellette	Worship Committee *

*** We are planning an Outdoor Service in the Garden on September 26th; if the weather does not cooperate, we will move the service inside and offer coffee fellowship.**

Usher Coordinator for September: Conrad Walton

Please note that the church building is now open for Sunday Worship Services and other services (i.e. funerals or weddings) and committee meetings.

* * September Birthdays & Anniversaries * *

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

Remember your birthday & anniversary by making a special offering!



1	Kristi Bell	17	Anna Jandreau
4	Angie Harbert, Nicole Rainey, David Silsbee	19	Romeo Bouchard, Connor DeMerchant, Del Ramey
5	Gail Hagelstein	21	Christopher Silsbee, Daryla Simon
8	Sonny St. Peter	22	Justin McLauchlan
9	Cherie Goranites	23	Joyce Knorr, Robert Mockler, Lisa Wilcox
10	Robert Locke	25	Garrick Alley, Dave Wakana, Dawn Westman
11	Marie Strouse	26	Ian McLauchlan, Kyle Staples
12	Lydia Kieffer-Till	27	Emmett Ross
14	Kim Barnes	29	Bob Norsworthy
16	Peter Campbell, Ruth Ross		



1	Cindy & John Branscom, Lynne Josselyn & Larry Conrad	5	Sheila & David Belyea
3	Jennifer & Scott Branscom, Nicole & Ryan Cousins	8	Carol & Francis Cyr
		10	Casey & Corey Felix
		20	Joelene & Mark Boucher

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.

DISCIPLE



BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

Plans are being made to offer Disciple Short Term studies during the 2021-22 program year. Short term studies are designed for schedules that make longer commitments difficult. They also provide an opportunity to explore the chosen books in greater depth than the original series of Disciple classes. These classes use a teaching and reading pattern similar to other Disciple courses. Two classes are being planned: Romans in the fall and Genesis in the later winter and spring. Because of the unpredictable nature of the unfolding pandemic, the class is currently being planned as a hybrid class. This means that as of now there will be an option to participate in the class in person and an option to participate online. How the class is presented is subject to CDC, church & government directives. Please be flexible as possible. Our need for study and fellowship continues regardless of the conditions on the ground at the time. If you are interested or like more information, please fill out the form below and return to Rev. Tim by Sept. 14.

Check all that apply:

- ☐ I am interested in one or both Disciple short-term studies (circle the class(es) in which you have interest):
Romans – 8 weeks, October to December Genesis, 11 weeks, February to early May
- ☐ I would participate (circle one): in person online either works for me
- ☐ I would like more information / would like to discuss with Rev. Tim

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Class could be offered anywhere from Tuesday to Sunday. Please note here days and times that do NOT work in your schedule: _____


 Finance &
 Stewardship
 Committee

Worship Attendance and General Fund Offerings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>* Attendance</u>	<u>Operating Fund Offering</u>
Aug 1	37	\$2,371.11
Aug 8	49	\$4,977.72
Aug 15	41	\$2,335.00
Aug 22	55	\$1,175.72
Aug 22	(Will report in next Newsletter)	

*In-person attendance only

Needed to meet 2021 Budget: \$3,986.53 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 August 24th, the balance in the account is \$93,957.89 (of that amount, the “furnace replacement donations” total \$32,153.05. All remaining donations made for the “Furnace Replacement” will be held in this account until needed.) Expenses paid during August - \$1,875.00 for the water line excavation and \$6,555.91 for electrical work in the church.

Photo Directory Changes (September 2021 Newsletter changes):

Buchanan, Robert (Dr.) – deceased; August 11, 2021



Over the next few months, we will update our membership database in order to produce a new Church Directory. The new directory will be produced by the church office and look similar to the one printed in 2016. The “Membership/Constituent Information” form has been provided for several months within the monthly Newsletter and emailed with the weekly email Newsletter. If you have not completed it yet, please contact the church office for the form. It is vital that we have the most update information (names, mailing address, email address, birth dates, anniversaries, etc.) to ensure our database and a new directory is as current as possible! We would appreciate it if we could get a form from every household!



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.

Worship & Ministry Opportunities During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Sunday Worship – as of May 30th, we began having in-person services in the sanctuary. The service will also be available Sunday mornings on YouTube (live) and then on our Facebook page

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 CEFPP implemented 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.

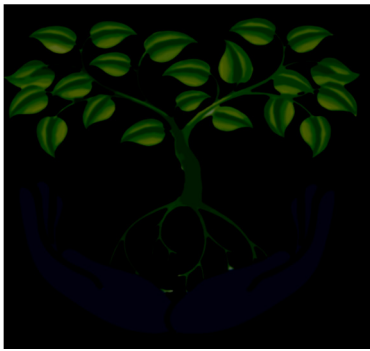
Bobbi Pelletier is available by phone at the church office, at home and email for church business during her usual hours, Monday through Friday from 9-noon, but is often working from home. Tithes and offerings can be brought with you on Sundays and you can still contribute using one of the methods outlined on the next page. 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.

**** In-person Worship services in the church sanctuary began on Sunday, May 30th. Effective Sunday, August 15th, we decided to require face coverings again due to the delta variant.**

Reminder from Rev. Tim -

Rev. Tim's "office hours": He is available for appointments Tuesday - Sunday with Monday being his usual day off. His cell phone number is (207) 551-7924. Depending on the situation, he can arrange for the particular means for the meeting as necessary.





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 three 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 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 Vanco Mobile, an app provided by VANCO. You can download on an Apple or android phone. This method supports both recurring and one-time gifts. For more information, contact Tamara Wilcox.

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.

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The Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry is in need of the following items: oatmeal and condiments (ketchup & mayonnaise). 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 **\$351.15** from this "fun-raiser"! Thank you!



Tamara Wilcox has several masks available for sale as part of one of our church fun-raisers. 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!



STEWARDSHIP ARTICLE:

Here is this month's edition of "Relationships":

Relationships and grief.....

Grief, pain, hurt, and loss.... These are emotions that we all at Gray Memorial have all had to deal with at one time or another. This past year plus, our church community has lost too many souls and has lost much of what was once familiar. So I ask, both individually and as a group, how have we coped?

When Kubler-Ross first wrote of the five stages of death and dying (denial, anger, depression, bargaining & acceptance) it radically changed how we thought of death and dying, a subject we rarely spoke of. From her teachings evolved the concepts of palliative and hospice care. As a people, we realized we needed to prepare for death and loss as we did for birth and life. Over time we have come to appreciate that we experience grief in many other facets of our life, some of which we are unable to prepare for. Divorce, loss of a job, loss of a home, a child unborn, deployments, children leaving home, losing someone to addiction, impaired health, loss of a pet, even a pandemic are just a sampling of what may cause us grief.

This past year, we have not had the ability to gather and share the various ups and downs of life. We had lost what we had taken for granted....the ability to gather together as a community to share all the aspects of life, but especially grief. This added to ones pain as we had to deal with our grief in ways we are not accustomed to, many times without the kinds of support of family, friends or our church family that were once norms. Funeral services and memorials to honor our loved ones were delayed, drastically altered or postponed. And yet we have endured. We have persevered and adapted. We found ways to give comfort, to ease ones pain and give homage to those lost. As a collective, we gave comfort however we could.

Since we have begun to gather together again, even though everything seems the same, things still feel different at times. In some ways we are still in a time of flux and change. We are still in a period of grief. Familiar faces are missing, some through loss and some who are still unable to gather. We know that our faith never stays constant. It ebbs and flows like the tides, at times growing and at times being challenged and tested. Why would ones pain, loss or grief be any different? Like our faith, grief is not a constant. It too ebbs and flows like life with its own heartbeat. And yet this too is different for we are all grieving. As a congregation, we are grieving lives lost, lives disrupted, missed vacations, family gatherings, and everything else we once took for granted including how we once gathered to worship.

May we take heart in all we have endured this past year of years. That though we have come through forever changed, we gather together in faith. We gather together to share life and all it entails. As stewards, we help those among us prepare for life events such as marriage, birth, graduations, retirement, and divorce to name a few. Grief and all it encompasses is also a part of life. May we take the same care and appreciate that we each grieve differently, at different paces, as we grieve together and support one another in life and faith.



Melonie Carlson

Chicken BBQ Financial Report - 2021

Revenue:

Meals-Dinners	\$3,499.25
Cash Donations	670.00
Coffee Fellowship Food Sales	182.00
Total Revenue	\$4,351.25

Expenses:

Chicken (~260 halves/445.65 lbs.)	\$626.59
5.5 oz Cups 1,000 ct	76.46
Potato Salad	73.87
Rolls	77.50
Charcoal	202.37
BBQ Sauce	26.89
Ice	18.95
Other Materials (Plastic Bags, Veg Oil, etc.)	39.05

Total Cash Expenses: \$1,141.68

Actual Reimbursed: \$1,141.62

Net Cash Profit: **\$3,209.63**

Donation Estimates:

Coleslaw (Burger Boy)	40.00
Cookies	50.00 and up
Extra Gloves	50.00
Paper Bags	8.78
Paper Plates	26.00
Soda	86.22
Water	10.72
Odds and Ends	15.00
Beans (3 pots)	96.00
Foil Sheets (500 ct)	8.98
Cutlery Combo Packs (250 ct)	18.96

Total Donation Cash Value Estimate: 410.66

THE CHURCH CONGREGATION EXTENDS A BIG THANK YOU TO FRIEDRICH WILCOX
AND ALL THE VOLUNTEERS!!!

Dan Schall in Concert!
Sunday, September 12th
at 10AM



The Worship Committee will have an
Outdoor Worship Service by our Memorial
Garden on September 26th
(weather permitting).

The Missions & Evangelism Committee
will sponsor their Cookie Booth at the
Caribou Arts & Craft Fair on October
16th and 17th from 10am to 4pm each
day. More information will be
provided in the coming weeks as we
will need volunteers to help set-up
the booth, work the booth and break
down the booth as well as
MAKE COOKIES!



SPECIAL “KODAK” MOMENT during a special Worship Service!



August 22nd - The service was in remembrance of those we have lost during this time of COVID, honoring Rebecca Griffeth, Dawn Powell, Avis Armstrong, Melvin Griffin, Eloise Penny, Joanne Smith, Darlene Nelder, Doris Jeffery, Dale Fowler, Marcia DeMerchant, Albert Akeley, Leila Robertson, Pat Dobson, Dr. Robert Buchanan, Robert Irving and Donald Nedeau. Family members or friends of each individual brought forward a flower and placed it in a vase while the individual's photo was seen on the overhead screen. We had 55 people in attendance. (Photo by Melonie Griffin)

OTHER SPECIAL PHOTOS!

Pictures taken during Chicken BBQ on Saturday, August 7th:

The following were taken by Neal Genz:



Rack of chicken (yummy)!



Love the apron Alden!



Chicken sure looks good!



***Alden Wilcox, Craig & Kyle Staples
"manning" the grill!***

Photos taken by Meagan Irving:



***Ladies on the serving line! (L to R) Meagan Irving,
Ruthann Weeks, Sally Carde, Diane Fitzpatrick,
Gwen Ellinwood and Bobbi Pelletier***



***Carter Irving enjoying his meal!
(we loved his chocolate chip
cookie "pancakes"!)***

The Church Council did not meet in August, but the following financial reports were submitted:

JULY FINANCIAL REPORTS FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER
JULY 2021

The figures for the July total offering are as follows:

The Regular Offering subtotal came to \$21,339.44.

The Reimbursements were \$3.00.

The subtotal for Special Funds for Church Use were \$3,225.36 of which \$2,341.56 were contributions to the Growing in Faith Campaign.

The subtotal for Special Funds **Not** for Church Use was \$25.00 for the Ecumenical Food Pantry.

The total offering for July was \$24,592.80.

JULY CHECKBOOK FIGURES:

Beginning Balance	<u>15,959.81</u>	
2021 Operating Income	<u>21,339.44</u>	
Fun-Raiser Proceeds	<u>18.80</u>	
Interest	<u>2.22</u>	
Less EFT fee	<u>(29.34)</u>	VANCO fees (EFT deposits)
Less Expenses	<u>(12,238.25)</u>	
2021 Mission Shares	<u>(2,469.50)</u>	(Note: Monthly amount put into Special Funds temporarily)
Lawn Mowing Expense	<u>(300.00)</u>	(Note \$300 for 4 months put aside for \$1,200 payment in September)
Ending Balance	<u>22,283.18</u>	(Without PPP money of \$15,739.57, would be \$6,543.61)

Capital Account Seed Money:

Previous Balance: \$106,166.57; July deposits: \$2,345.99; Expenditures: \$7,345.32; Current Balance: \$101,167.24

* \$25,000.00 invested with Thompson/Hamel LLC for Memorial Garden on June 29, 2017. Investment cost was \$1,073.78; withdrew \$3,000 in March 2021; as of July 30, 2021, on-line report shows ending value = \$28,781.25

A wrap-up of July expenses is as follows: \$459.43 for Programs, the Trustees spent \$2,463.68. SPRC expenses totaled \$8,503.68, comprised of \$5,809.00 for the Total Pastor Compensation, \$2,045.83 on other salaries, and \$648.85 on other expenses. Under the New England Conference \$811.46 was paid for the Pastor's Pension Benefit, bringing the total money spent for July obligations to a total of \$12,238.25.

Weekly Average Needed for 2021: \$3,986.53. Mission Shares = \$2,469.50/mo.; As of EOM July – 4 months behind (\$9,878.00) which is being held in Special Funds for Church Use.

Dead River Balances as of July 31: Church = (3,815.07); Parsonage = (\$599.84)

YEAR TO DATE BUDGET REVIEW FIGURES

July target- \$120,924.71; Tithes & Offerings- \$99,591.00; Total expenses- \$107,806.45; Unpaid Expenses- \$9,878.00.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE for July: 65* Average Attendance for YTD is 60* (* Average attendance is an aggregate of in-house and virtual counts.)

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER 2021!!!

MEETINGS ARE NOW AUTHORIZED TO BE IN-PERSON AT THE CHURCH; STILL POSSIBLE TO
JOIN BY VIDEO OR PHONE

ALL SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO BE LIVE STREAMED ON YOUTUBE

Wednesday	01	10:00am	Aroostook Cluster Meeting
Friday	03	9:30am	Worship Committee Meeting in Kitchen
		10:00am	<u>DEADLINE FOR CHURCH CONFERENCE REPORTS/MATERIALS</u>
Sunday	05	10:00am	Worship in the Sanctuary; Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Monday	06		<u>FEDERAL HOLIDAY - LABOR DAY - CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED</u>
Tuesday	07	2:30pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting in Library
Thursday	09	6:30pm	SPRC Meeting in Kitchen
Sunday	12	10:00am	Worship - Dan Schall in Concert
		11:30am	Education Committee Meeting in Library
Tuesday	14	6:00pm	Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry Board Meeting at Pantry
Thursday	16	6:00pm	SPRC Meets with DS (Zoom)
Sunday	19	10:00am	Worship in the Sanctuary; Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
		11:30am	Missions & Evangelism Meeting in Library
Tuesday	21	6:00pm	Trustee Meeting
Wednesday	22		<u>FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN!!!</u>
Thursday	23	10:00am	<u>DEADLINE FOR ALL NEWSLETTER INPUT</u>
		6:00pm	Church Council Meeting in Kitchen
Saturday	25	8:00am	UMM Breakfast/Meeting; Travis Barnes will lead tour of the new Caribou Community School
Sunday	26	10:00am	Worship in the Garden (weather permitting); Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Most committees do not meet in the summer months, but resume meeting in September. Some of the meetings listed in this calendar are based on the "normal schedule", especially if the chairperson has not notified the Church Office of any changes.

Note: Instructions to join in through Zoom for those who choose not to attend in-person meetings will be sent out in advance by arrangements of each group's leader.