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Sending and Receiving....

In the life of the Methodist Church we from time to time experience loss as we say goodbye to one pastor and welcome a new pastor to our congregation. In June we will bid farewell to Pastor Arlene Tully and welcome Dr. Steve Smith as our pastor. We wish Pastor Arlene blessings as she begins her new pastorate in Rhode Island and look forward to welcoming Pastor Smith and his wife Judy in July. We ask for God's blessings on both the pastors and the congregations that will receive them.

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Dr. Steve Smith & his wife Judy

Dr. Steve Smith has served as pastor of the Orono United Methodist Church for the past ten years, and for the last five years has also served the Alton UMC. Prior to serving in Orono, Steve served as pastor of the Milbridge/Wyman UMC, the Faith UMC, and the Cutler UMC, all in Washington county.

A graduate of Orono High School, the University of Maine, and Bangor Theological Seminary, Steve also graduated from Duke University with a doctorate in ministry, with an emphasis on church leadership and communication.

Married to wife Judy for 28 years, they enjoy spending as much time as possible with their seven awesome grandchildren, and exploring the great state of Maine.

The United Methodist
Church



OPEN MINDS
OPEN HEARTS
OPEN DOORS

This 'N That...

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP GROUPS 2019

Coffee Fellowship should be set up by 11:30. Groups are also responsible to clean up after, return the kitchen to it's original set up, take the trash to the dumpster, and take home the dishcloths for laundering. *Please also make sure the dishwasher and coffee pots are off!* **If your team needs to change your day, please switch with another team below you on the list.**

April 7: Skippy Valentine, Deb Sorokin, Morita & Jackie Tapley

April 14: Andrew, Rebecca & Sue Croce

April 21: Kathy Merrill, Silvia & Patti Wright, Pat Keogh

April 28: David & Judy Hastings, Sherry Robinson, Valerie Morris

May: 5: Kerry & Pat Woodbury, Amy Nye

May 12: Dottie England, Peg Johnson, Stacey Whittington

May 19: David & Baerbel Pelkey, Nick Prins, David & Peg Swett

May 26: Dan & Louise Hatch, Sylvia Moore

June 2: Clyde & Judy Pelkey, Lorena Fenlason

June 9: Scott & Sue Edwards, Rosemary & Dick Leonard

June 16: Marcia Biggane, Roz Fisher, Bob & Marie Walls

June 23: Andy & Diane Moody, Jeff & Jill Churchill

June 30: The Ritz-Perkins family, Gary & Jane Shaffer

Faith Linking in Action

The **Food Access Committee** of Faith Linking in Action is the committee that helps provide fresh produce for those in need in our area. The Committee has a greenhouse in Brewer where seedlings are started. They will Plant these seedlings in raised bed gardens which will be located at several low-income or subsidized housing locations in Bangor and Brewer. This committee is looking for churches to host canning / cooking classes that local farmers will lead.

The **Child Care Committee** has team meetings on the second Wednesday in the month and here at Bangor First Methodist Church at 6:00 pm. This group is planning a Week of the Young Child event at the Maine Discovery Museum on April 27 from 2-4. This is a free event for children preschool to 3rd grade. Twelve volunteers are needed for one of two shifts: 1-2 and 2:30-4:00. Please speak with Roz Fisher or Nancy Isaacs if you'd like to volunteer.

The **Fundraising Committee** had a successful fundraiser with their progressive dinner raising over \$1,600. They had many compliments regarding food and socialization.

There will be a **legislative breakfast** on April 6th from 8:00-10:00at the Solidarity, FAM building on 20 Ivers Street in Brewer.

There will be an **Earth Day** event at Pickering Square on April 20th. More information later.

The Hammond Street Congregational Church will have a **fund raising event for the homeless** on April 13th. Tickets are \$20.00

This 'N That...

PIBURN CIRCLE

April 18th at 1:00 in the Fireside Room. The program will be presented by Gary Shaffer.

KEENAGERS

This special group for the "young at heart" meets throughout the year for lunch, fun, fellowship and learning. The program this month will be presented by Julie Monroe on guitar. A delicious meal is provided at a cost of \$5.00 with a few exceptions.

Upcoming Programs:

April 29: Music by Julie Monroe with guitar

May 20: "Name That Tune" with Mary Smith

June, July and August no meetings

September 23: Tim Caverly: "So You Think You Know Maine?" \$6.00 meal

October 28: George Danby. Cartoonist for the Bangor Daily News \$6.00 meal

November 25: "Old Fashioned Thanksgiving"– DVD

December 16: Yankee Swap, Carols, and Readings from *A Book of Christmas*

BANGOR COMMUNITY CHORUS

Will celebrate their 50th anniversary with a concert here at Bangor First UMC

Sunday, April 28th

at 4:00

Refreshments will be served following the concert



United
Methodist
Women

April 13 at 9:30 in
the Fireside Room

The Intentional
Discipleship Team
Meets.....

Wednesday, April 10 at
6:00

DISTRICT UMW MEETING

Our church will host the Northern Maine District United Methodist Women on Saturday, April 27th from 8:30-3:00.



COME JOIN OUR
BIBLE
Study

MONDAYS AT 1:00
IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



Please be sure to update your changes in phone numbers and address with the office. We

Spring

COMMUNITY MEALS FOR APRIL

APRIL MEALS

- April 4:** Quiche
April 11: Pork Tenderloin
April 18: Maundy Thursday
 Chicken dinner
April 25: Pot Luck

**Meals are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances*



APRIL NEEDS

- April 4** Desserts
April 11: Desserts
April 18: Desserts
April 25 Desserts



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QR code for smart phones that will take you directly to the FUMC electronic donation page.



FOOD CUPBOARD NEEDS FOR APRIL

During the month of January we are asking for donations of the following items for the food cupboard:

- **Pasta**
- **Pasta sauce**
- **Rice**
- **Soups**
- **Hamburger helper**
- **Toilet paper**

THANK YOU

The family of Alice Dyer would like to thank the church family for all the support they received when they lost their mom.

The kind words relayed at her service, cards, and emails were all very much appreciated.

We miss her, but feel her with us everyday.

Judi Collier, Gail Dyer-Martin

NEWS FROM.....

And **MEMORY
JOGGERS**

My Friend's Place and Memory Joggers

My Friend's Place and Memory Joggers themes for April are Double Trouble, Let a Smile be your Umbrella, Chicken of the Day, President Andrew Jackson, Spring Flowers, Coffee Klatch, Happy Easter, April Showers, Country Music, Rainbow Colors, and Spring Birds.

Music entertainment for April will be Painting with artist Wendy Libby, piano and song with Kay Eames, Sing-a-long with Nostalgia, music with Zella Harmon on her guitar, and a sing-a-long with Bob Worchester.

We look forward to our annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner scheduled for Monday, April 22nd, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. It will be held here at the church starting with a painting class with artist Wendy Libby, (Paint4all), followed by a lovely meal, cooked up by our favorite cook, Kathy Merrill. After dinner we will host our awards ceremony, and then spend some time in servicing our volunteers on the new games and equipment we purchased thanks to a grant from the Alzheimer's Association of America.

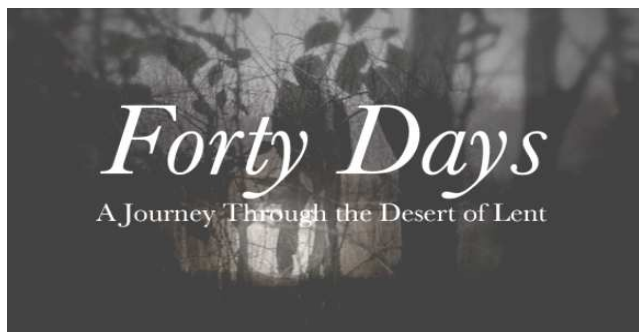
We are still looking for volunteers...If interested please see or call me at 945-0122. Our hours are Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

www.myfriendsplaceprogram.com

Blessings,

Dottie England, Director

LENTEN STUDIES 2019

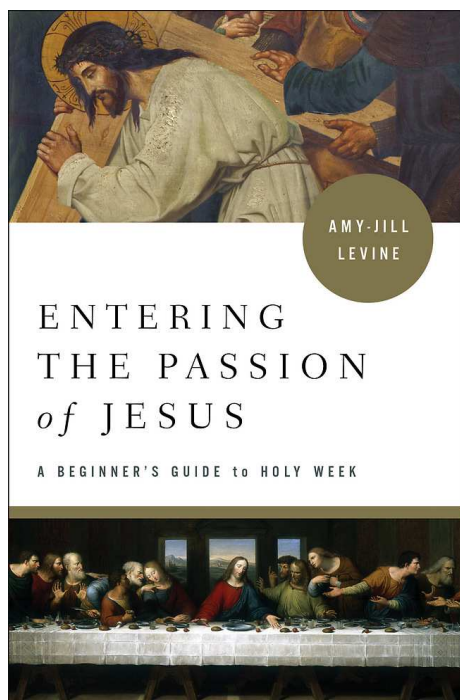


Forty Days

A small group spiritual formation opportunity for the season of Lent

Sundays at 8:30 AM

Produced by “The Work of the People”, this video series reflects on poems for Lent. Viewed as a kind of audio-visual *lectio divina*, these films offer an opportunity for reflection, discussion, and entering into the places of our hearts we might not often journey – a detour through the wilderness. We hope that this series gives you a place to begin a journey that will lead you out of Lent and to Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and into the hope of Easter.



Lenten Study: *Entering the Passion of Jesus*

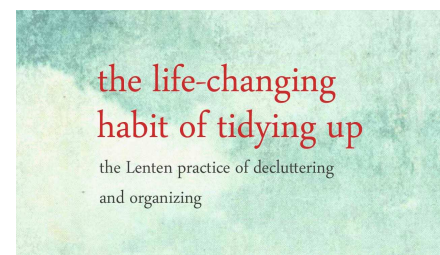
Wednesday at 2 and Thursday at 6

From the publisher: Jesus’ final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential for great loss or great reward. Jesus risked his reputation when he entered Jerusalem in a victory parade. He risked his life when he dared to teach in the Temple. His followers risked everything when they left behind their homes, or anointed him with costly perfume. We take risks as we read and re-read these stories, finding new meanings and new challenges.

In *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner’s Guide to Holy Week*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.

WORSHIP SERIES FOR LENT

This year’s Lenten worship series is inspired by Marie Kondo’s best-selling book, *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*, which set off a decluttering craze across the globe. Kondo believes that ridding yourself of excess “stuff” and putting things in order can transform your life. This Lent we’ll think about how transformative “tidying up” our spiritual lives could be, and consider what sort of things we may need to purge or organize in our lives in order to make space for what really matters.



April Meetings / Events at Bangor First UMC



Meetings:

- April 7:** Worship Committee
- April 13:** UMW; 9:30
- April 18:** Piburn; 1:00
- April 23:** Ad Council; 7:00
- April 28:** Evangelism
- April 29:** Keenagers; noon

Events/Services:

- Sunday at 8:30** Pathways to God group
- Christian Education** 10:45 (2nd-4th Sundays)
- Sunday worship** at 10:30
- Choir** rehearsal Wednesdays at 7:00
- Hand bell** rehearsal Thursdays at 6:45

Ongoing Group Meetings

- Bible Study** Mondays at 1pm
- Food Addicts in Recovery** meet each Monday at 6:30
- Bangor Community Chorus** rehearses every Tuesday at 6:00 (Sept-May)
- Toymakers** meet each Monday evening at 6:00
- Cub Scouts** meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 (Sept-June)
- Delta Kappa Gamma** meets monthly (Sept-June) on the first Monday.
- AA** Saturday at 11:00 am

Family of Alice D
 Family of Catherine G.
 Sandra B.
 Peg & David S.
 Phillip F.
 Karen C.
 Norm & Marguerite
 Bill P.
 Dawn R.
 Bob & Jackie L.
 David B.
 Maxx A.
 Barry P.

Albert & Leona S.
 Maxx A.
 Marion G.
 Geneva I.
 Family of Kahyden
 Jean H.
 Adam S.
 Eliana B.
 The Bangor Area Street Pastors
 The homeless & hungry
 Children everywhere
 Nick L.



Prayer Requests

Into your hands Heavenly Father we entrust these people who are in need of your healing touch, knowledge of your presence, and your comfort.

Sustain them in good days and bad. Help them to feel your loving presence with them during every difficulty, for you are always there ahead of any circumstance.

Watch over all those who are in need. Help them to feel that you are always near them and know that all they need do is look to YOU for comfort and for strength.

In Your loving name we pray. Amen

Don't you know? Haven't you heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He doesn't grow tired or weary. His understanding is beyond human reach, giving power to the tired and reviving the exhausted. Youths will become tired and weary, young men will certainly stumble; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength; they will fly up on wings like eagles; they will run and not be tired; they will walk and not be weary.
Isaiah 40: 28-30 (Common English Bible)



APRIL , 2019 Birthdays

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4 Sabra Barry Peter Christensen	5 David Hastings	6
7	8 Trevor Smith	9	10	11 Coralie Cross	12	13 Thelma Merritt
14	15	16 Gail Dyer Martin Heather Commeau	17	18	19 Denise Preble Scott Christensen	20
21	22 Michelle Share Amie Harrington	23	24	25	26	27 Zachary Cowperthwaite
28 Roz Fisher	29 Dale Brownie Patrick Commeau	30				
			<i>Happy Birthday</i>	<i>To you ... To Jesus be true</i>	<i>Happy Birthday!</i> 	God Bless you and keep you the whole year through!

Worship Assistants for APRIL, 2019

***If you are unable to cover the date for which you are scheduled please arrange for a substitute or call the person who contacted you or give the office a call.

<u>Readers</u>	
7	Gary Shaffer
14	Marybeth Allen
21	Bob Allen
28	Neil Ashton

<u>Trustees</u>	
7	Andrew Croce
14	David Pelkey
21	Marybeth Allen
28	Gregg Stewart

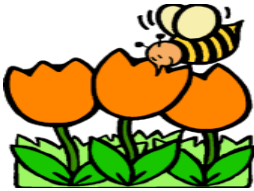
<u>Media</u>	
Geoff Dapice	
Wayne Griffeth-Hurst	
<u>Sound</u>	
Jim Burkhart	
Dale Brownie	

Greeters for the 10:30 am Traditional Worship

<u>Sanctuary Door</u>	
7	Hillson & Sally Beal
14	Skippy Valentine
21	Dale & Julie Brownie
28	Charlotte Witham

<u>Essex Street Door</u>	
7	Lorena Fenlason
14	Deb Sorokin
21	Linda Thrush
28	Mary Ann Harlan

<u>Back Door</u>	
7	Sherry Robinson
14	Polly Goding
21	Barbara Wing
28	Gary & Jane Shaffer

	Newsletter Deadline	Worship Schedule
 <p style="text-align: right; color: orange;"><i>God puts a "spring" in your step and gratefulness in your heart! Go "bee" a worker for Him.</i></p>	<p>Deadline for information for the May newsletter is April 22.</p> <p>Information may be submitted in written form, via email or by phone.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pathways to God 8:30</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Traditional Worship Service: 10:30</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Christian Ed for children at 10:45 (2nd-4th Sundays) through June ...</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Children's Christian Fellowship: (June -early September.)</i></p>

And as for Being Grateful.....

It struck me the other morning, as I was sipping my morning cup of coffee that it's some-time difficult to let your gratitude show when your are weary! I had reluctantly "slugged" out of bed late and knew it would soon be time to head for work. In my haste to get ready, I didn't take my usual time to look out at the morning sunrise and say...."Thank You, God" for a new day....and for all the opportunities it presents. I must be more vigilant to not let the stressors of everyday occurrences keep me from talking with God in the early morning. It doesn't take a lot of time but it can make a huge difference as one focuses for and meets the challenges of the day ahead. We never know what those challenges will be!

That same day as I was rounding the corner to head down my street toward home....Seemingly out of no where a car suddenly was directly in front of me and we almost col-lided. My reaction to the brake pedal was immediate and relief and then gratitude filled my heart as I realized the possible implications for the other driver as well as for myself had we actually met bumper to bumper. It reminded me that God watches out for us.

There presented to me later that same day an opportunity to speak with someone who has a close relative who is dying. I didn't say a lot to the person, mostly just listened and when her sharing was done we talked about all the love and care that she had received from this dying per-son, even in his dying and how it would provide cherished memories for she and her family for a lifetime. God puts us in the right place at the right time, and it's so important to recognize the opportunities he gives us to reach out to others. I am grateful that I was able to assuage for the moment at least, her feelings of hopelessness.

We will celebrate Easter this month....and what a celebration it is! It was my husband Charles' favorite Sunday of year as he well understood how the ultimate sacrifice of Christ on the cross brings to all of us life eternal. For us it is and should be the most significant reason for gratitude. For God *so* Loved the world!

As you leave the Church on Easter Sunday, and sit down to Easter dinner with your family, share the gratitude that is Easter! Then the following Monday put on your "Gratitude Attitude" and demonstrate that Easter attitude of gratitude to everyone you meet! It can change the world!

LENTEN SERVICE OF MEDITATION

Please join us at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 21 Holyoke Street, Brewer (*corner of N. Main/Holyoke*) for our Lenten Service of Meditation through scripture, prayer, meditation and song on Thurs-day, April 4 @ 6:30 p.m. The leader will be Tom White-Hassler.

This worship time is a Non-denominational Service in which meditative prayer, scripture, and songs are used in a relaxed atmos-phere where the worshiper will easily become comfortable with the music, scripture, prayers, and quiet reflection.

St. Patrick's hosts this service bi-monthly.

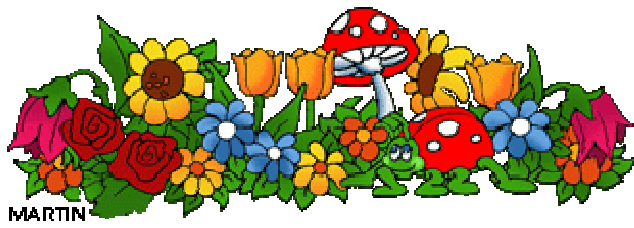


**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**

Service

April 18th

6:30 pm



Bangor First United Methodist Church Calendar for...

APRIL, 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 4:00 DKG 1:00 Bible Study 6:00: Toymakers 6:00: FAIR	2 9:00 Yoga 10:00: My Friend's Place 6:00 BCC	3 10:00 Memory Joggers 6:00 Scouts 6:00 Choir	4 9:00 Yoga 4:00 Community Meal 6:45 Bells	5 10:00 My Friend's Place	6 11:00 AA
7 8:30 Pathways 10:30 Worship 10:45 Christian Ed Worship Committee	8 1:00 Bible Study 6:00: Toymakers 6:00: FAIR	9 9:00 Yoga 10:00: My Friend's Place 6:00 BCC	10 10:00 Memory Joggers 6:00 Scouts 6:00 Intentional Discipleship 6:00 Choir 6:00 FLIA mtg.	11 9:00 Yoga 4:00 Community Meal 6:45 Bells	12 10:00 My Friend's Place	13 9:30 UMW 11:00 AA HEART HEALTHY BEAN SUPPER 5:00-6:00
14 8:30 Pathways 10:30 Worship 10:45 Christian Ed PALM SUNDAY	15 8:30-3:00 Clergy Pre Lenten workshop 1:00 Bible Study 6:00: Toymakers 6:00: FAIR	16 9:00 Yoga 10:00: My Friend's Place 6:00 BCC 5:30 Birch Hill group	17 10:00 Memory Joggers 6:00 Scouts 6:00 Choir	18 9:00Yoga 4:00 Community Meal 1:00 Piburn 3:00 Food distribution CSFP	19 10:00 My Friend's Place	20 11:00 AA
21 8:30 Pathways 10:30 Worship 10:45 Christian Ed EASTER SUNDAY	22 10-2:00 MFP Volunteer Recognition 6:00 Toymakers 6:00 FAIR	23 9:00 Yoga 10:00: My Friend's Place 6:00 BCC 7:00 Ad Council	24 10:00 Memory Joggers 6:00 Scouts 6:00 Choir	25 9:00 Yoga 4:00 Community Meal 6:45 Bells	26 10:00 My Friend's Place	27 11:00 AA District UMW meeting 8:30-3:00
28 8:30 Pathways 10:30 Worship Evangelism Committee BCC 50th Anniversary Concert	29 12:00 Keenagers 1:00 Bible Study 6:00: Toymakers 6:00: FAIR	30 9:00 Yoga 10:00: My Friend's Place 6:00 BCC				