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The United Methodist
Church



OPEN MINDS
OPEN HEARTS
OPEN DOORS

Dear First United Methodist Church Family,

I was hoping to make this announcement in person this morning during worship, but as you probably already know, we have canceled church due to winter storm Harper.

United Methodist pastors are appointed by the Bishop for one year at a time. Each year the Bishop and Cabinet set pastoral appointments with a focus on the missional needs of the Conference's churches and the communities in which they are situated. That occasionally necessitates the reappointment of a pastor in spite of the desire of a congregation that their pastor to continue in his or her current appointment.

This morning I share with you the news of Bishop Devadhar's intention to appoint me as "pastor of Arnold Mills UMC in Cumberland, R.I. effective July 1, 2019 subject to fulfilling all the requirements needed for a successful transition by the pastor and the respective churches affected by the appointment." Although I did not request or expect this reappointment, ordained Elders commit to a system of itineracy and vow to "offer themselves without reserve to be appointed". So, while I am heartbroken to be leaving Bangor First, I trust the judgment of the cabinet, believe that God is at work in the appointive process, and appreciate the opportunity to serve Arnold Mills UMC.

Between now and my departure, I promise to continue giving 100% to Bangor First, and I will do all in my power to help make the pastoral transition as seamless as possible. Meanwhile, I ask you to join me in praying for the Cabinet as they seek discernment about your next pastor. Please trust that the work of the Cabinet is bathed in prayer, and do not be concerned if it takes several weeks before you receive an announcement regarding an appointment. It is better for the Cabinet to choose carefully than to move quickly.

In the months ahead I will be praying for all of you, and I covet your prayers for me. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Arlene

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, and take home the dishcloths for laundering. *Please also make sure the dishwasher is off!* **If your team needs to change your day, please switch with another team below you on the list.**

February 3: Lisa & Jaddah Swett, Deb, Rebekah & Hannah Friedman

February 10: Bob & Marybeth Allen, Rachel Wilson

February 17: Gregg Stewart, Ann Marie Boudreau, Barbara Wais

February 24: Hillson & Sally Beal, Goeff & Deedra Dapice

March 3: Mary Smith, Donna Leland, Barbara Warner

March 10: Linda Morris, Vicki Kolenik, Tammy Mason, Barbara Wing

March 17: Bradley & Anne Porter, the Downs Family

March 24: Dale & Julie Brownie, Jeff & Barbara Fister

March 31: Polly Goding, Gerald & Leitha Karnes

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

This 'N That...

My Friend's Place Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 5 at 5:00 pm

PIBURN CIRCLE

February 21 at 1:00 in the Fireside Room



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



United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women February 9

9:30 am

The office will be closed ...

On February 18 for President's Day

Faith Linking in Action Child-care Team Meeting

Wednesday, February 13 at 6:00pm
Sunday school Room 3

The Intentional Discipleship Team Meets.....

Thursday, February 28 from 6-7:30 in the Fireside Room.

KEENAGERS

Next meeting: February 25th at noon in the Family Room

This special group for the "young at heart" meets throughout the year for lunch, fun, fellowship and learning.

A delicious meal is provided at a cost of \$5.00.

Gratitude Attitude...

"It is important to remember how often we have had chances to be grateful and have not taken them." Henri Nouwen

Thank God everyday for all he has given to you including those who give you reason to be grateful.



MONDAYS AT 1:00 IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

COMMUNITY MEALS FOR JANUARY

FEBRUARY MEALS

- February 7** Spaghetti
- February 14:** Tuna casserole
- February 21:** Pea soup & ham sandwiches
- February 28:** Pot Luck

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



FEBRUARY NEEDS

- February 7:** Desserts
- February 14:** Desserts
- February 21:** Desserts
- February 28** Desserts



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



Socks & Cocoa for the Homeless

We are collecting **new or gently used socks, mittens, gloves,** (no scarves or hats are needed at this time) and **hot chocolate** for our giveaways on the third Saturday of the month in December, January & February. Our next event is February 16th.

You are also welcome to help pass out articles at Grace UMC or at Davenport Park. Workers will meet at 10 to begin the organizing and preparing the sites.



FOOD CUPBOARD NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY

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

- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Mac & Cheese
- Soups
- Cereal
- Toilet paper

NEWS FROM.....

And **MEMORY JOGGERS**

My Friend's Place and Memory Joggers

My Friend's Place and Memory Joggers themes for February are Seeing Red, Groundhog Day, Chinese New Year, , Hearts & Flowers, Presidents, Souper Tuesday, Winter Birds, Favorite Games, and U.S. Postal Service.

Music entertainment for January will be piano and songs with Kay Eames, and Nostalgia. Memory Joggers will enjoy Acrylic Painting with Wendy Libby.

My Friend's Place will be hosting the United Way Community Partnership for Social Needs on Tuesday, February 12th. The primary goal of (CPSN) is to identify real needs in our community and subsequently address and meet those needs.

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

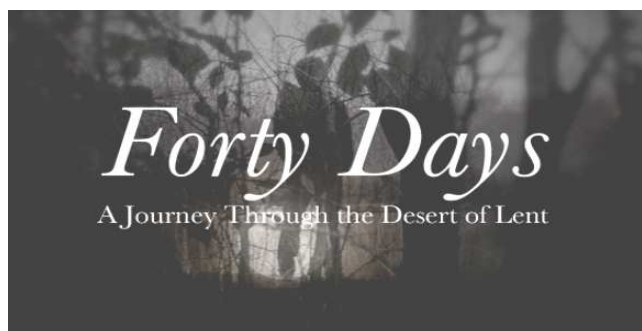
www.myfriendsplaceprogram.com

If you haven't already, please "Like Us" and "Share Us" on facebook at My Friend's Place/Memory Joggers, Bangor, ME

Blessings,

Dottie England, Director

LENTEN STUDIES 2019

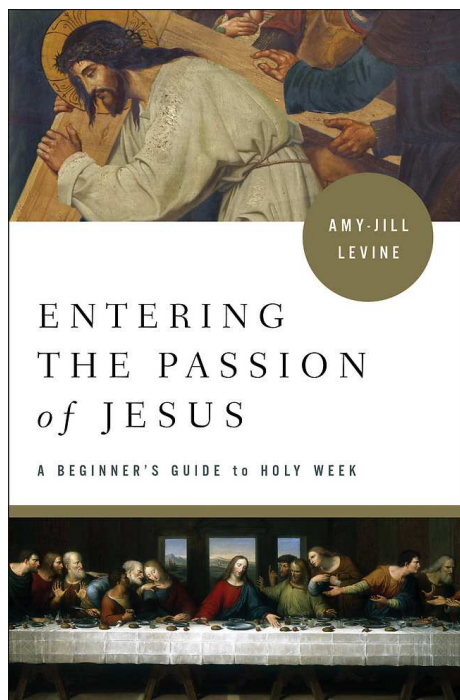


Forty Days

A small group spiritual formation opportunity for the season of Lent

Sundays at 8:30 AM beginning March 7

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*

Thursdays at 6 PM beginning March 7

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.

February Meetings / Events at Bangor First UMC



Meetings:

February 3: Worship Committee

February 9: UMW; 9:30

February 21: Piburn; 1:00

February 26: Ad Council; 7:00

February 24: Evangelism

February 25: 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

Sandra B.

Peg S.

Phillip F.

Karen C.

Norm & Marguerite

Bill P.

Dawn R.

Bob & Jackie L.

David B.

Maxx A.

Family of Ruth R.

Barry P.

Nick L.

Albert & Leona S.

Maxx A.

Geneva I.

Eliana B.

The Bangor Area Street Pastors

The homeless & hungry Children everywhere



Prayer Requests

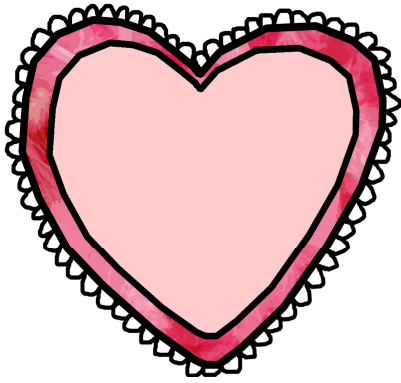
Into your hands Heavenly Father we entrust these people who are in need of your healing touch, knowledge of your presence, and your comfort.

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)



FEBRUARY, 2019

Birthdays

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1	2
3 Emily Isaacs	4	5	6 Don Gallupe Donna Frost	7	8	9
9	10	11 Steve Earl	12 Ruth Shepardson	13 Joseph Guay	14	15 Maggie Cowper- thwaite
16 Stephen Ritz- Perkins	17 Cindy Sayles Joan Rosie	18	19	20	21	22
23 Kerry Woodbury	24	25	26	27 Jan Ashton Louise Hatch	28	
			<i>Happy Birthday</i>	<i>To you ... To Jesus be true</i>		God Bless you and keep you the whole year through!

Worship Assistants for FEBRUARY, 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>	
3	Stephen Ritz-Perkins
10	Glenn Mower
17	Terry Ritz-Perkins
24	Bob Worcester

<u>Trustees</u>	
3	Gregg Stewart
10	David Pelkey
17	Andrew Croce
24	Marybeth Allen


<u>Media</u>	
Geoff Dapice	
Wayne Griffith-Hurst	
<u>Sound</u>	
Jim Burkhart	

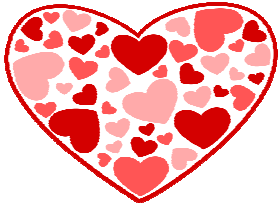
Greeters for the 10:30 am Traditional Worship

<u>Sanctuary Door</u>	
3	Jim & Jane Sinclair
10	Stacey Whittington
17	Morita & Jackie Tapley
24	Linda Morris & Don Gallupe

<u>Essex Street Door</u>	
3	Barbara Warner
10	Lorena Fenlason
17	Rolfe Flood
24	Linda Thrush

<u>Back Door</u>	
3	Deb Sorokin
10	Peggy Johnson & Lily
17	Charlotte Witham
24	Linda Folsom

	Newsletter Deadline	Worship Schedule
 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>God Loves You!</i> <i>Today, Tomorrow, Always!</i></p>	<p>Deadline for information for the March newsletter is February 19.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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:</i> 10:30</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Christian Ed for children at</i> 10:45 (2nd-4th Sundays) through June ...</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Children's Christian Fellowship:</i> (June -early September.)</p>



**Bangor First United Methodist
Church Calendar for....
FEBRUARY, 2019**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 10:00 My Friend's Place	2 11:00 AA
3 8:30 Pathways 10:30 Worship 10:45 Christian Ed Worship Committee	4 4:00 DKG 1:00 Bible Study 6:00: Toymakers 6:00: FAIR	5 9:00 Yoga 10:00: My Friend's Place 6:00 BCC 5:00 MFP Board	6 10:00 Memory Joggers 6:00 Scouts 6:00 Choir	7 9:00 Yoga 4:00 Community Meal 6:45 Bells	8 10:00 My Friend's Place	9 9:30 UMW 11:00 AA
10 8:30 Pathways 10:30 Worship 10:45 Christian Ed	11 8:30-3:00 Clergy Pre Lenten workshop 1:00 Bible Study 6:00: Toymakers 6:00: FAIR	12 No Yoga 9:30 CPSM United Way group 10:00: My Friend's Place 5:30 Birch Hill group 6:00 BCC	13 10:00 Memory Joggers 6:00 Scouts 6:00 FLIA mtg. 6:00 Choir	14 9:00 Yoga 4:00 Community Meal 6:45 Bells	15 10:00 My Friend's Place	16 11:00 AA
17 8:30 Pathways 10:30 Worship 10:45 Christian Ed Missions Com- mittee	18 Church closed Presidents' Day 1:00 Bible Study 6:00 Toymakers 6:00 FAIR	19 9:00 Yoga 10:00: My Friend's Place 6:00 BCC	20 10:00 Memory Joggers 6:00 Scouts 6:00 Choir	21 1:00 Piburn 9:00 Yoga 4:00 Community Meal 6:45 Bells	22 10:00 My Friend's Place	23 11:00 AA 2:00 Baby Shower
24 8:30 Pathways 10:30 Worship 10:45 Christian Ed Evangelism Committee	25 12:00 Keenagers 1:00 Bible Study 6:00: Toymakers 6:00: FAIR	26 9:00 Yoga 10:00: My Friend's Place 6:00 BCC 7:00 Ad Council	27 10:00 Memory Joggers 6:00 Scouts 6:00 Choir	28 9:00 Yoga 4:00 Community Meal 6:45 Bells 6:00 Inten- tional Disciple- ship mtg.		