

Dear Friends,

Based on the narrative of Jesus' extended period of temptation in the wilderness struggling to define his goals and ground rules, Lent is the traditional time for a 're-think' of one's life. We Christians are asked to alter our daily routines in order to look more closely at the direction of our lives. An excellent way to do this is not "to give something up", but "to take something on", to make a commitment to doing something every day--walking, reading a psalm, calling a friend--some healing act. Throwing a daily, healing act out into the universe helps focus one's own goals and pathways that may have become a bit fuzzy or ill-defined. Healing acts involve looking outward, focusing direction, sharpening resolve, and all these reflect a Lenten journey.

As many of you are aware, I have two new grandchildren, twins born to my younger son and his wife in Los Angeles. All knitters know that a hand knit gift is one of portable love, and my beloved sister in Indiana is a knitter. When she heard the news of the coming child, she went right out and bought yarn for a beautiful, tiny sweater--striped with many colors, actually nine colors in all. She had a full six months for the project. Oh, so simple! Done in a few weeks! Then came the news that there would be two babies, not one. So, another matching batch of yarn was purchased, but alas the goals and ground rules had suddenly changed....

The great aunt got busy, and, although the pattern was a bit harder than it looked, the first sweater was completed right on time, and the second sweater was, well, at least begun. You see, she explains, the first one was easy. The challenge came when the second sweater had to look at least something like the first one--the babies *are* twins. The same loving mistakes that went into the first sweater had to be replicated in the second sweater, and here is where a loving act needed some focused direction and sharpened resolve! Six weeks is a long time. Can each of us choose a daily, healing act and walk the Lenten journey together? *Lorna*

**A Great Aunt's Guidelines for Lenten Healing Acts**

- something undertaken to reach out in love
- something one thinks might be easy  
but may turn out not so easy
- something that challenges intentionality
- something that confronts learning ability
- something with perhaps indeterminate, lumpy results



Pamela Grenfell Smith, artist



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*Around CUF . . .*

Our Transparent Budget meeting was informative and well-attended, and Treasurer Kathy Barry did a great job in explaining where our money comes from and how it is spent each year!... Therefore, CUF's Annual Meeting was again an enthusiastic and energetic event! Ted Curtis was again our highly professional Moderator, and the meeting was efficient and smooth. Stefanie Egenhofer organized the scrumptious Soup Buffet, and many people contributed their favorite soups as well as incredible desserts! CUF's first annual Olympic Games were held, and the winners received "gold medals"--Mark Baker for Music Interpretation, Lyn Adkins for Bulletin Board Creation Extraordinaire, and, of course, Jean Carville for Arts Event Planning!... Thank you, one and all, who participated—especially the runners up! WOW!... Lynn Rothemich is continuing her studies at Andover Newton Seminary and is in CPE at Boston Medical Center and taking preaching, history, ministerial leadership and systematics. We wish her well!... Congratulations to Leah Bilyk on her brand new job as a Family Case Manager for Penobscot Community Health Services!... Our YAWPers mailed out dozens of hand made Valentines to raise money for Manna Ministries!... Jean Carville had TWO serenades: one from Jim Franklin and Keith Hamilton's group on Valentine's Day, and one from our own Jon Hawley's group Good-Time Sound—Jon, Mike Peterson, Bill Yates and Ben Clark!... Congratulations to CUF member Nicole Maines on the winning of her case in the Maine Supreme Court. Look for the forthcoming book on Nicole's journey written by Pulitzer Prize winner Amy Ellis Nutt!... Shelley Gilman had a great trip to Jamaica!... And Ed Brazee and Connie Carter enjoyed Mexico!... The Mystery Friends Luncheon was a huge success again this year! Thank you Brian McGill and Sarah Marx!... CUF truly enjoyed the musical talents of Bob Turner down from Clinton, NY, to visit Dot and Barbara!... Cathy Marquez is enjoying winter in Florida!... And thank you to the giver of the \$5,000 anonymous check to the Property Committee!

**Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to  
The Reverend Fred Robie!**

**Recent Hymnal Dedications**

To the glory of God and  
in loving memory of **Anne Hathaway**  
by Paul and Joyce Harris  
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To the glory of God and  
in loving memory of **Reverend Philip M. Hastings**  
by Paul and Joyce Harris  
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To the glory of God and  
in loving memory of **Matthew Gilman**  
by Paul and Joyce Harris  
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To the glory of God and  
in loving memory of **Rudolf von Hoffmann**  
by Irene von Hoffmann and John McCormack  
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To the glory of God and  
in loving honor of **Josephine Eleanor Bowron**  
by Reverend Lornagrace Grenfell  
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To the glory of God and  
in loving honor of **August Stanton Bowron**  
by Reverend Lornagrace Grenfell

**Cards of Love and Encouragement to  
Jean Carville**

135 Bennoch Road Orono ME 04473

**Dorothy Griffin**

100 Main Street Orono ME 04473

**Joanne Scontras**

24 Kettle Cove Road  
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**Sandra Warner**

86 Forest Avenue Orono ME 04473

*Welcome on January 18, 2014*

*Josephine Eleanor Bowron*

*August Stanton Bowron*

*grandwins of Reverend Lorna Grenfell*

**Gospel Readings for March 2014**

March 2:	Matthew 17:1-9
March 9:	Matthew 4:1-11
March 16:	John 3:1-17
March 23:	John 4:5-52
March 30:	John 9:1-41

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Paul & Joyce Harris' winter phone:  
727-372-3652

# Digging Deeper!

**...after Worship...after Coffee Hour...what's next?**

**Sunday, March 2: 2:00 pm Worship in The Arbor at Dirigo Pines**

All are invited to join Reverend Lorna and Mark Baker for this short worship service in the Memory Loss Unit. Lots of hymns! Please do feel welcome!

**The following sessions will be led by Reverend Lorna.**

***In order to give relevant religious leadership to the generations of people today, Christian communities of faith must continue to move forward both spiritually and intellectually. We must find "more grace in the search for understanding than in dogmatic certainty".***

**Sunday, March 9: 12:10-1:10 in The Library**

**Reaching for the Future: Progressive Spirituality at CUF in Prayer**

**Sunday, March 16: 12:10-1:10 in The Library**

**Reaching for the Future: Progressive Spirituality at CUF in Music**

**Sunday, March 30: 12:10-1:10 in The Library**

**Reaching for the Future: Progressive Spirituality at CUF in Teaching**

*Mark your calendars now...*

## LENT 2014

March 5 – April 13

From ashes to "hosannas" we follow you, Lord. Create a holy pause in our cluttered lives.  
Empty us from all that would keep us from knowing your ways.

~ HOLY WEEK SERVICES ~

~ Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> ~

Foot Washing Service 5:00 pm MacKenzie Room  
*with The Reverend Darren Morgan*

Pot Luck Supper 6:00 pm Gathering Place  
*(reservations needed: please call 866-3655)*

The Life of Christ in Hymns with Holy Communion  
*with Mark Baker at the piano*

~ Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> ~

*Tenebrae Service* 7:00 pm Sanctuary

~ Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> ~

Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am  
*(Penobscot Valley Country Club)*

Easter Morning Breakfast at 7:15 am at CUF

Easter Morning Worship at 10:15 am

## News of our Young People....



Nolan Raymond placed first in the Hermon Cub Scout Pack 25 Pinewood Derby held at Hampden High School. His little black car, "The Speedy Skeleton" lived up to its name!

This is Nolan's third year in a row placing first, and the seventh consecutive year that a Raymond has won the Hermon race. So far, he is following in Kent's footsteps. Nolan will now advance to the Penobscot Valley District Championship races, which will be held in March. He has placed first in PV District for two years running, where he races against approximately 80 other Scouts.



### Creamy's Dutch Adventure!!!

Kristany Raymond has a brand new Dutch connection, after her stuffed dog went missing and was located in Rotterdam in The Netherlands. The Raymonds were visiting Seawall in Southwest Harbor in September when Kristany forgot to pick up "Creamy" from rocks as they left. In the meantime, Creamy was rescued by Kess Mudde and Edel Harteveld, a Dutch couple vacationing on Mount Desert Island. Unable to find the owner, they kept Creamy with them as they traveled back to Holland. Upon their return home, they began an extensive internet search to locate the little owner of the toy. Miraculously, they located Kendra's "lost" ad on Craigslist. Wearing a Dutch

shoe charm on her collar, Creamy was returned to Hermon safely in a lovely gift box, arriving ironically on Kristany's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday. She was delighted to discover that her new friends had included several Dutch treats, such as Gouda cheese, cookies, cinnamon sticks, Muntdrop licorice, a Dutch jewelry-making kit, and a personalized card. Edel and Kendra hope to share this story with other children, as a lesson in hope, kindness, and miracles! Kendra is a writer, and Edel an artist. Their book, "Creamy's Dutch Adventure" is due out later this year.

Anna Ellis earned High Honors on the Orono High School honor roll and Eli McGill was named a Student of the Month. Congratulations!



Come to **Messy Church!** – a family friendly time of worship, crafts, food and fellowship. Join us as we explore what it means to be peacemakers.

**Saturday March 8, 4-6 pm**

### **State of Grace Women's Book Group**

Please call Johanna Szillery at 827-4172 for more information. *Third Monday of the month at 5:30 in the Gathering Place*

**March 17: *Elsewhere*, by Richard Russo**

### **Book Night!**

**7:00 pm Gathering Place**

**March 7: *Losing Julia* by Jonathan Hull**

From the vicious savagery of trench warfare to the sometimes comic and often tragic indignities of life in a nursing home, Jonathan Hull tells a remarkable story of memory and desire, history and destiny—and of the people who slip from our grasp, only to hold us forever. facilitator: Judy Kuhns-Hastings

### **ALLIANCE**

The next meeting of Alliance will be held at noon on Tuesday, March 11 in the Gathering Place. Please bring a bag lunch and join us for our meeting.

# YAWP *(Young Adults With Pizzazz)* NEWS

## DASH with DACIE: Outrun Cancer Mile Walk/Run

Dacie Manion, a former YAWPer who is now a student at MIT, is running the Boston Marathon this April in honor of Matt Gilman. Dacie is hoping to raise \$10,000 for the Dana Farber Institute, a renowned cancer research institute, for her epic 26.2 mile run.

### **Dacie says this about her reason for running for cancer research:**

*I have been dating Chris Gilman, Matt's son, for four years. Getting to know his family, I have been upset by the gravity of a cancer diagnosis and my powerlessness to do anything about it. But just one week before Matt's passing, as news became increasingly harder to bear, I received an email inviting me to apply for Dana Farber Marathon Challenge and realized there was finally something positive I could do in the midst of this sadness – I could run.*

*This spring – in my first full marathon – I run to celebrate Matt's life, to thank Dana-Farber for their care of Matt, and to fuel the fight against cancer. While cancer makes me feel helpless, running is something I can do. Running celebrates the human ability to achieve anything – including treatments and cures for cancer – through sheer determination. Nearly everyone knows someone who has been affected by cancer, and I know there are countless people who wish they could do something about it.*

When this year's YAWPers learned of Dacie's goal, they decided they wanted to help Dacie by raising \$1,000 to contribute toward her \$10,000 goal. They brainstormed ideas and decided that they could run, too, not 26.2 miles, but one mile, at the Orono High School track on Sunday, April 13, 2014 in honor of Matt Gilman and everyone else in our community who has fought a cancer diagnosis.

### **Ways You Can Help YAWP Fight Cancer:**

- 1) Sponsor a YAWPer for the *Dash with Dacie: Out Run Cancer Mile Walk/Run*. \$5, \$10, \$50 whatever you can afford! Anything helps! YAWPers will be available for sponsorships during coffee hour on the four Sundays leading up to the *Dash with Dacie: Out Run Cancer!*
- 2) Join us in our *Dash with Dacie: Out Run Cancer Mile Walk/Run!* If you'd like to run with us, just show up at the Orono High School track on Sunday, April 13 at 9:30 a.m. and join us as we run. We ask that any participants make a small donation to Dacie's fundraising page at: <http://www.runDFMC.org/2014/daciem>
- 3) Spread the word! Find others who will join our CUF community in supporting Dacie and the YAWPERS in our goal to Out Run Cancer!

### **Stay "tuned"!**

The Worship Team has decided to extend a Musical Outreach to University of Maine students. With our wonderful organist, Laura Artesani, as a liaison, we are hoping to feature a UMaine student as a soloist at one service each month. We hope to start this outreach effort in March. Please welcome our guest soloists and encourage them to be a part of the larger CUF family!



### **Movie Night! Friday, March 28, 6:00 pm in the MacKenzie Room**

A gripping tale of intrigue and mystery in the art world, this film traces the history of the Barnes collection of Post-Impressionist paintings, which was worth billions and became the subject of a power struggle after the 1951 death of the owner. facilitator: Fred Irons



## Mystery Friends Revealed!

Thank you to all the participants of Mystery Friends 2014! Here is the list of the mystery friends match list.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Code</u>
Olivia Knott	Princess	Maddie Emerson	Zoom-Zoom Girl
Adam Cowing	Raphael	Stefanie Egenhofer	Tinkerbelle
Nora Dobbs	Hermoine Granger	Anne Borreggine	Toto
Ian Morrison	Harry Potter 33	Rhonda Allen	Bubbles
Caroline Cowing	Sweet Frog	Samantha Coltart	Doris Snowflake
Jasper McGill	The Big Buck	Rori Knott	Trekker
Katie King	Nefertiti	Cynthia Ellis	Grandmama
Ainsley Morrison	skylarblue2	Jean Carville	Dumbcat
Ben Hunter	Circle Bob	John Hackney	mainemr
Julian Edmiston-Cyr	80	Sam Kunz	Pilgrim Pete
William Xu	Superwriter	Thomas Griffith	Degas
Emma Cowing	Hershy238	Alma Holmola	Friendly7
Leander Edmiston-Cyr	Georgie Cake Cat 1715	Tricia Griffith	Tree Hugger
Sarah King	the Dancer	Ginny Hackney	Tango Dancer
Xander Lanigan	Jason Jackrabbit	Ted Curtis	Willow
Tucker Ellis	Thai Food	Dot Turner	Book Lover
Elijah McGill	OBB	Carl Gridley	Feline 2
Trent Lick	Tango16Bravo	Don Coates	Aaron Slick

### ...from the Commissioned Minister

Greetings in the beginning of the month of March - that comes in like a lion and we hope will go out like a lamb! I must say, that as much as I love the winter, I can't wait for the spring to poke its head between the snowflakes and break into the sunshine.

Please know that I am grateful for your prayers, cards and gifts which have all helped me to heal more quickly than I would have, during this siege of Gastroenteritis, provoked by a severe MSG allergy. I am grateful, too, for the note of prayers signed by residents on the Alzheimer's Unit signed by CNA Merlitta and Geneva our volunteer that I received in the mail. A special note of thanks to one friend who has been inquiring of my health almost daily. I, too, have been praying and offering up my situation for everyone. No, I wouldn't let those prayers go to waste, so I used my pain for others' benefit (my R.C. upbringing). I realized even more, the importance of positive thinking, of prayer, gratitude and of friendship. During this time I often remembered the opening verses of one of my favorite poems from elementary school, Robert Louis Stevenson's *The Land of Counterpane* -- "When I was sick and lay a-bed, I had two pillows at my head..."

I must say that although healing has been slow, it is progressive. It was good to be with the residents at the Vets Home when I returned to work these last few weeks. As for volunteering, it was negligible - a half-day but am waiting till I feel really well before I return to be with these residents. Be assured that you are in my thoughts and in my prayers. I look forward to returning to church life soon, in good health, to participating in church life and especially to meeting my pen pal.

With love, prayers and blessings, Anne Borreggine

*Faith is the daring of the soul to go farther than it can see.* (William Newton Clark (1686-1737) American Theologian)