

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

J.M.C.Crum, 1928

HOLY WEEK 2016

PALM SUNDAY, March 20

Instead of a red carpet, the joyous crowd spread their cloaks on the ground for Jesus to walk on. Is there an extra coat or two at your house? We will be collecting them at the altar on Palm Sunday, March 20th and then donating them to the Orono Thrift Shop.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 24, 6:00 pm

- the symbolic prayer of hand-washing
- a pot luck supper
- the Life of Christ in hymns
- Holy Communion at table
(childcare provided)

(Please call the church office to tell us you are coming and what you will be bringing? 866-3655 Thank you!)

GOOD FRIDAY, March 25, 7:00 pm

The *Tenebrae* (Shadows) Worship Service
The "Seven Last Words of Christ"

EASTER SUNDAY, March 27, 2016

Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 am

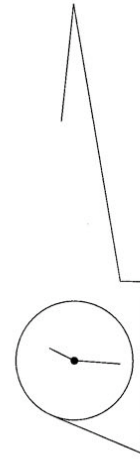
The Penobscot Valley Country Club
with The Orono United Methodist Church

Easter Breakfast 7:00 am

This year, our breakfast will be at
The Orono United Methodist Church at
36 Oak St., Orono

Easter Morning Worship 10:15 am

The Church of Universal Fellowship
Be sure to be here to sing the *Hallelujah Chorus* with us!



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See you in church,

Lorna

The Reverend Lornagrace Grenfell

Around CUF . . .

Thank you so much to David Chase for being the Moderator at our 2016 Annual Meeting! And thank you to all who worked so hard on the Annual Report! The luncheon and meeting were a good time thanks to all who participated in so many ways! Thank you to the super soup-makers: Connie, Rachel, Raechelle, Steffi, Ginny, Ginny and John H., Tricia, Tom H., Emily H., Judy K-H., Mary Lee, Terri, Johanna, Emily T., Lavon, Irene, and Judy W.! Thanks for the scrumptious desserts go to Alma, Susan H., Janet G., Sandy C., Carolyn and Marion, Sue S., Lynn K., Barbara, Raechelle, Erin, and Terri! Thank you especially to the set up and clean up crews: Steffi, Alma, Ed, Dennis, Emily and Joe—and to Betty and Beverly for the beautiful shell decorations and Tricia for the Menu Board! Also, a big thanks to Connie and Ed for the CUF Jeopardy Game that started us off! Who knew, for example, that our own Molly W. was baptized in a swimming pool in the County or that Sue S. was acquainted with the Kissingers!... The snowflake event here at church was nothing short



of stunning. We have had people dropping by for weeks just to sit in our Sanctuary and view the beautiful installation done by Nancy Leavitt and Terri Mitchell. The lights and shadows at the altar were amazing and Epiphany has never been so grand!... Thank you to

Laura Artesani for giving us the much-requested reprise of Debussy's *The Snow Is Dancing*!... Congrats to the OHS Speech and Debate team for placing first in the qualifying tournament for the National Forensic League Tournament in Salt Lake City. Five students will go to the June event. Special congrats to Eli who took 3rd in International Extemporaneous Speech and 2nd in Domestic Extemporaneous and to Jessie who took 1st in poetry and 2nd in Dramatic Interpretation!... Congratulations to Jules Hathaway who was elected Chair of the Veazie School Board!... Thank you to all who supported Four Directions by donating diapers to their project on Indian Island... Thank you to all who bought Valentines this year supporting the YAWP trip to NOLA to rebuild hurricane-destroyed homes—none of us will EVER forget your Valentine Skit!... Rachel, John and Nora Dobbs spent a great week in Quebec with their friends the Avargil family from Israel!... Dale Mitchell has left to spend a few months on a job in Maryland!... Carolyn Hopkins is in the news

again! Read all about it on the bulletin board!... Ask Xander Lanigan about his trip to Norway!... Have you checked out the new window connecting the two Sunday School classrooms downstairs? We thank Bob Gallant for this terrific job well done!... Thank you to Mary Lee, Steffi, Alma, Dave, Judy, Bill, Brian and Fran for accompanying Rev. Lorna to the MLK, Jr. Breakfast this year at UMaine's Wells Commons.



Sandy Caron, Sam Kunz and Sarah Marx were also



there in their official University capacities!... Director of The Wilson Center and CUF Commissioned Minister Sarah Marx awarded the 2016 Dorothy Clarke Wilson Peace Prize to Antonia Carroll for her poem/essay *Still Stirring*—

which we were all privileged enough to hear as a congregation here at CUF the very next Sunday!

CUF Congratulates Barbara Turner

Barbara received the distinguished **Augmentation of Arms Award from the Society for Creative Anachronism**. This award honors a person for service to the Kingdom or specifically to the royalty. Infrequently granted, the honor is added to the individual's heraldic arms. The award included a lovely scroll with words by a friend in the style of a Norse poem. Barbara also received an entire Norse outfit complete with beads, hand woven trim, and a Norse hygiene kit—which included an earwax spoon! Barbara was given a Pelican medallion in the style of western Scandinavian jewelry. Well done, Barbara!



March Gospel Lessons (Year C)

March 6:	Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32
March 13:	John 12:1-8
March 20:	Luke 19:28-40 <i>Palm Sunday</i>
March 27:	Luke 24:1-12 or John 20:1-18 <i>Easter Sunday</i>

Cards of love and healing to:

Maddie Emerson

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*Have you remembered CUF
in your will?*

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How well do you know your church family? Each month, the WIND asks a question about someone in our congregation. Can you discover the answer? Ask around! Talk to people!

January Challenge:

What CUFer bought a CAR on eBay?

Answer: Kevin Ritchie!

March Challenge: Which CUF Dad was taken by his wife to NYC's Madison Square Garden to a Phish Concert to celebrate his 50th birthday?



350.org

January 22, 2016

Dear Friends at the Church of Universal Fellowship, Thank you so much for the gift of \$112 from the December plate offering to 350.org! We will immediately put it to good use to demand climate solutions and fight for climate justice around the world.

This support and partnership are invaluable. Last year alone, your church helped us halt the Keystone XL pipeline, reach over \$3.4 trillion in fossil fuel divestment pledges in managed assets, introduce a bill in Congress called Keep It In the Ground Act, pressure banks to pull funding from the largest proposed coal mine in Australia, and put a spotlight on Exxon's history of misleading the public about climate change.

Your donation will help us achieve even more in the coming year. For example, we will:

- pressure world leaders to close the gap between what was signed at the climate conference in Paris and the action we need for a livable planet;
- expand our divestment campaign to countries like Japan and South Africa and focus on iconic targets like museums, the Vatican, and the Gates Foundation;
- apply the "Keystone model" to more frontline fights, including halting fossil fuel extraction on public lands in the US, fighting proposed coal-fired power plants in Turkey, and stopping the burning of forests to get to the coal underneath in Indonesia; and
- coordinate a global mobilization in May against the world's most dangerous fossil fuel projects, coupled with actions promoting renewable energy solutions.

I really can't thank the Church of Universal Fellowship enough for standing with us in our fight against climate change.

All the best in 2016!

May Boeve

Executive Director

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OWL Completes First Class!

The 7-9th grade OWL (Our Whole Lives) sexuality class this past fall was a huge success! We had 5 youth from church participating and 10 youth from the larger community. The amazing teaching team included Rori Knott, Rachel Dobbs, Brian McGill, and Sonja Birthisel (all CUF members) and Jonathan McCullum (Wilson Center student group President and final year nursing student at UMaine). Our next OWL class for 5-6th graders just began last Sunday Feb 28th. There are 12 students enrolled in this level, 3 from our church and 9 from the larger community, and the teachers are Rachel Dobbs, Will Hunter and Sarah Marx (with some of the other teachers listed above providing back-up and substitute help as needed). The program is now self-supporting financially, but we are very appreciative of the generous financial support from the CUF community through the Dolloff Fund last year which made launching this program a reality and for the ongoing philosophical support and in-kind support we receive from the CUF each week! May the learning continue - whoo! whoo!"

Moe's BBQ YAWP Fundraiser!

Tuesday, March 8 at Moe's BBQ in Bangor!

10% of profits from that day go to YAWP. There will also be a special YAWP tip jar from 4 to 9 pm and anything in there will go toward YAWP's cause as well!

Please come to Moe's on March 8 and have a delicious meal that benefits our YAWPER's!

... from the Commissioned Minister

January and February are gone! These months were much milder than last year. Could this mean that spring is just around the corner? It has been quieter at the Maine Vets Home after the holidays. Last month Greg Urban, the Administrator, treated the Activities staff again, to lunch at Kobe restaurant, as he has treated our staff every year during Activities month. The waitress took our orders. Soon after the chef arrived with the ingredients - salmon, scallops, rice, veggies and beef on the grill as we watched him perform and cook. This is a lovely place to have a quiet lunch, especially in the middle of a busy day and with such a talented chef.

February's highlights include *Valentine's Day Couple Lunch* for our residents. Following this was a Valentine's Day party with music and an Elvis impersonator for everyone. During this month, residents enjoyed donuts with the Masons, Cribbage, word games, pet cards game, Banjo music with Dean and David and one-to-one time. Some residents signed up for the University of Maine Hockey Game, McDonald's and Walmart Outings. Of course there is the all-time favorite, Bingo. Many people come to the Home and share their gifts and their talents including *Reiki*. I am always available for folks who are sick or making their transition on the Alzheimer's Unit. I have begun my second semester of French at the Bangor High School. I enjoy learning and speaking French to some of our French-speaking residents on the Alzheimer's Unit. They usually smile in recognition and some initiate conversation with "*Bonjour. Comment allez vous?*" I am still learning numbers so I have printed out a sheet of the numbers in French from 1 to 75 for residents who speak the language if they decide to play Bingo. Also, I count from 1 to 10 and speak French to *le beau minou*, [my] handsome kitty.

On a more personal note, I am still unable to attend Service or Bible Study consistently. I have been incapacitated by my left leg which, unbeknownst to me, was two inches shorter than my right leg for years. I still have problems walking, standing, sitting and being comfortable. Since December, I have been treated by a chiropractor who is "straightening me out" and have begun to walk without too much pain but lame nevertheless. There is a big "lack" in my life. I miss participating in Sunday Services and Bible Study. Please be assured that you all are in my love, thoughts and prayers.

Anne Borreggine, Commissioned for Ministry to Older Persons

"This we know; all things are connected like the blood that unites us. We do not weave the web of life, we are merely a strand in it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves." (Chief Seattle)

CUF's Music with a Mission

CUF is excited to announce Music with a Mission. This new program will feature three performances in our church sanctuary this spring. Each performance will feature performing artists who will select a "mission" they wish to support. The proceeds from a suggested donation of \$10 at the door will be split three ways – a third to the performers, a third to their selected mission, and a third to CUF.

Saturday, April 30, 7 pm

Vocal Recital

Katie Cloutier and Molly Abrams

Sunday, May 15, 7 pm

The Maine Steiners

We are still in the process of scheduling one more performance for this spring. Please contact Connie Carter or Laura Artesani if you have suggestions!

Make sure you put these dates on your calendar!!

KAIROS PALESTINE BIBLE STUDY

2:00-3:30 p.m. ~ Thursdays ~ April 28, May 5, May 12

Led by Rev. Darren Morgan

For all times and in all places, the Church is called to pray and serve; to be prophetic and speak courageously, honestly, and lovingly in the midst of daily events. In December 2009, Palestinian Christians sent out a plea to the churches of the world and to people of good will everywhere. It was a cry from the heart, issued from the City of Bethlehem in what is known as the *Kairos Palestine* document, *A Moment of Truth: A word of faith and hope from the heart of Palestinian suffering*. This document comes after a long period of discernment about what to say, given the ongoing realities of Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.

What is Kairos? The Greek word *Kairos* refers to a moment in time, a moment when God is present in opportunity, when the world's axis is the Word of God. It affirms that the moment to speak truth is now!

Given the polarizing nature of the many concerns involving Israel and Palestine, it is sometimes difficult to have thoughtful and respectful discussions on the issues of annexation, military occupation, settlements, and the overall peace process. In this three-week Bible Study, we will have a meaningful discussion of *Kairos Palestine* to better understand the voices of Palestinian Christians, examine the geo-political situation of the region, and prayerfully consider the issues involved.

Please join Rev. Darren, Rev. Lorna and the Bible Study Group for these three Thursday meetings!

CHURCH OF UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP ADULT EDUCATION-SPRING 2016

March 7, Mon. at 7:00 pm in the Gath. Place

March 13, Sun. at #12:10 pm in the Library

March 18, Fri. at 6:30 pm in the Mac Room

March 20, Sun. at #12:10 pm in the Library

March 21, Mon. at 5:30 pm Gathering Place

April 3, Sun. at #12:10 pm in the Library

April 4, Mon. at 7:00 pm in the Gath. Place

April 17, Sun. at #12:10 pm in the Vestry

April 18, Mon. at 5:30 pm in the Gath. Pl.

April 28, Thur. at 2:00 pm in the Library

May 1, Sun. at #12:10 pm in the Library

May 2, Mon. at 7:00 pm in the Gath. Pl.

May 5, Thur. at 2:00 pm in the Library

May 12, Thur. at 2:00 pm in the Library

May 15, Sun. at #12:10 pm in the Library

May 16, Monday at 5:30 pm in the Gath. Pl.

Mon. Book Night: *The Best Maine Stories* Host: Betty Carr
Religion & Science: *Human Mind & Body*

Host: Brian McGill

Movie Night: A Paul Newman and Jessica Tandy movie!

Host: Rev. Lorna

Religion & Science: *Ecology* Host: Brian McGill

State of Grace Book Grp: *All the Light We Cannot See*

The Theology of Brian McLaren Host: Rev. Darren

Mon. Book Night: *The Burgess Boys* by Elisabeth Strout

Slideshow: *Trip to Israel* Host: Kelly Quagliotti

State of Grace Book Grp: *The Walk: A Novel* by R. Evans

Kairos Palestine Bible Study Host: Rev. Darren

NOLA Trip!--*Bring your Questions* Hosts: YAWP

Mon. Book Night: *The Absolutely True Diary of the Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie Host: Alma Homola

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The Theology of Frederick Buechner Host: Will Hunter

State of Grace Book Group: *The Winter House*

Monday Book Nights 2016

7:00 pm Gathering Place
All welcome!

- March 7:** *The Best Maine Stories*
including author Ben Ames Williams
- April 4:** *The Burgess Boys*
by Elizabeth Strout
- May 2:** *The Absolutely True Diary of the Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie



Movie Night

Friday, March 18, 6:30 pm

MacKenzie Room, Host: Rev. Lorna

This 1994 comedy-drama is based on a novel by Richard Russo and is one of Lorna's all-time favorites! It stars Paul Newman, Jessica Tandy, Bruce Willis, Melanie Griffith and a very young Philip Seymour Hoffman! Newman plays 60-year-old "Sully" who emotionally seems to have never quite emerged from adolescence; scraping by on part-time work in construction. He seems to have built a life around avoiding responsibility but finds out that he is indeed behaving like a grown-up and getting to know his friends and family before it is too late.

Paul Newman was nominated for an Oscar for his fine performance in this movie and it was also Jessica Tandy's final film before she passed away. If able, please bring some goodies to share. Tea, coffee and popcorn provided.

All welcome!

State of Grace Book Group 2016

Women's Book Group

- March 21** – *All the Light We Cannot See: A Novel* by Anthony Doerr
- April 18** – *The Walk: A Novel* by Richard Paul Evans
- May 16** – *The Winter House* by Joan MacCracken
- Join us for one, a few, or all of these discussions. We meet at **5:30 pm in the Gathering Place** and share discussion, laughs and often pizza too! Call Irene von Hoffmann at 866-2879 for more information.

Need for OHA Medical Drivers

Running an errand? Be an angel and give someone a ride to a medical appointment at the same time. Call OHA at 866-4648 to get connected!

Thank You

My thanks to the people of CUF for visits, phone calls and cards; for books and bouquets; for treats and taxi service. I feel I have been well-cared for. Hey, you are the greatest!
Beverly Antonitis

Alliance Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, at Moe's BBQ in Bangor
Meet there between 12:15 and 12:30 pm

10 % of all profits that day will benefit YAWP's trip to New Orleans to help rebuild houses damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

All Welcome!

If Orono Schools cancel due to weather we will cancel as well.

Service Group

The CUF Service Group meets Tuesday, April 5th from 9 to 11 am in the MacKenzie Room. No sewing skills necessary!

New crafters welcome!



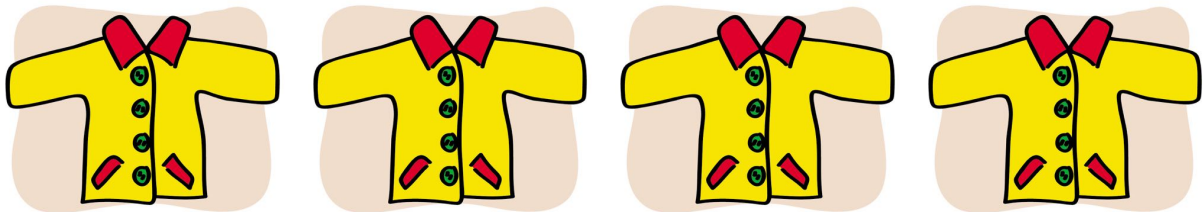
CUF's Annual Pysanky Egg Workshop!

Saturday, March 12, 9:30- noon The Vestry

Annie Homola has again graciously agreed to bring her expertise, patience and everything else needed for this workshop! So, here again is your opportunity to practice the beautiful art of Ukranian egg decorating. This is an intricate, meditative, wax resist process involving colors, design and patience—and ending with “resurrection”!

Come and join the fun! Eggs provided!

Because we are using hot wax and open flames, children are most welcome but must bring an adult.



BRING A COAT ON PALM SUNDAY!

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