



Last Sunday at church! Here are some of the many people who would like to see our Steinway piano repaired! Mark Baker, Dr. Laura Artesani, Francis John Vogt and William Xu!

Photo by Claude Westfall

Dear Friends,

Joy, triumph, pain, sorrow—the entire gamut of human emotion and feeling can be held and shared with one another through the universal language of music. We can close our eyes, listen with our hearts and be taken to rolling clouds, a lightning flash, a field of daffodils or a quiet lake at dusk. The notes and chords and words reach deep into our very souls. Here in worship, music plays a leading role on our spiritual journey both together and individually. At times, just the opening chords of a familiar hymn will zing right into the deepest places of a soul. Were we not lifted up as an entire community while singing Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* together—all of us! together!—on Easter morning?

Our church has been known for many years as a place in which music is of great spiritual value. Along with our two choirs and bell choir, the church has supported voice lessons, piano lessons, violin lessons, numerous recitals and musicals as well as, of course, worship.

In 2007, for \$9,000, CUF purchased the sanctuary's Steinway piano from the estate of Constance Hunting. It was a bargain. A new Steinway would be \$50,000. The price was right because the piano needed major repair on the "action" mechanism, the insides which make a piano work. Over the years, however, that situation has worsened. Now, some keys stick, and some keys don't play at all. The time has come for the repair. With the blessing of CUF's Board of Trustees, our Worship Team is asking us in May to raise the needed amount of \$7,500. So! The Piano Fund! Let's do it!

**We are all being invited to 'purchase'
a note? a chord? an entire concerto?**

See you in church!

Lorna

The Reverend Lornagrace T. Grenfell



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THANK YOU for SUPPORTING the DASH with DACIE



CUFers at the Orono HS track on Palm Sunday!
L: Dacie running the Boston Marathon!

Thank you for helping
YAWP raise almost
\$2,000 toward
Dacie Manion's
goal of \$10,000
for Dana Farber
Cancer Research!

*Dacie reached both goals! She finished the
Boston Marathon in 3 hours 32 minutes and 27
seconds at a pace of 8.06 minutes per mile!
Amazing! And it was her birthday!*

Around CUF . . .

CUF extends deep appreciation to all the musicians who made our Easter celebration so meaningful--Laura Artesani, Molly Webster, Tiffany Twitchell, Mark Baker, Susan Heath and Simon Bilyk. Thank you to Fred Heath and his Brass Quintet including Ted Duffy, John Haley, Peter Polk and Lowell Ruck. Thank you to our Senior Choir, our Young Voices Choir and our Hand Bell Choir. Thank you to Reverend Darren Morgan and Deacon Chair Johanna Szillery for the beautiful Foot Washing service. Thank you to Shelley Gilman for organizing the Maundy Thursday supper and communion, and thank you to those who read the seven last words on Good Friday. Thank you to Steffi Egenhofer for bringing in the 25 lilies and arranging them at the altar. Thank you to Annie and Alma Homola for the lovely Easter Pysanky Egg Workshop and to those who came for that meditative and beautiful time together. Thank you to Steffi and the Hospitality Team that served Easter Breakfast to the 50 Sunrise worshipers. Thank you to all who walked the week with us here at church or in their hearts at home and then stood up to sing Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* with the 180 people here in worship!... Mark Bilyk did a great job in Orono Community Theater's production of *The Real Inspector Hound!*... Jessie Walker and Eli McGill were fantastic in Orono Middle School's production of *The Lady Pirates of Bree!*... Connie Carter and Operation Breaking Stereotypes received a grand write-up in the *Bangor Daily News!*... Raechelle Edmiston-Cyr cooked a delicious meal for the Messy Church! program!... Congratulations to Jen Hubbard who received her doctorate degree!... Thank you to YAWP for the gigantic cake that celebrated all who supported Dacie Manion's run in the Boston Marathon for the Dana Farber Cancer Research Institute!... Sarah Marx presided over an incredible Interfaith Seder led by Rabbi Darah Lerner at the Maine Christian Association's Wilson Center--65 people attended including Jews, Christians, Muslims, Native Americans, and Buddhists!... Thank you to our YAWPers who facilitated Hope Festival flyers going home with every school child in the Greater Bangor area!... Thank you to Fran Vogt and the 30 voices of Euphony for the unbelievably lovely music on April 27 in worship!

Gospel Readings for May 2014

May 4:	Luke 24:13-35
May 11:	John 10:1-10
May 18:	John 14:1-14
May 25:	John 14:15-21

Cards of Love and Encouragement to

Jean Carville

135 Bennoch Road Orono ME 04473

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33 Wagner Drive # 332
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Heart Rhythm Meditation

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Matthew 6:21

Heart Rhythm Meditation coordinates breath and heartbeat and is a refinement of a form of meditation that has been practiced for millennia.

Learning Heart Rhythm Meditation is like learning to play an instrument--the instrument is you. Under the leadership of **Steve Hodgdon**, this new group meets to learn meditation practices together that can be used on one's own throughout the week.

Heart Rhythm Meditation (HRM) coordinates one's internal rhythms, producing coherence across heartbeat, breath and brainwaves. This coherence strengthens the connection between mind and heart, so that our emotions become more understandable and our choices more conscious. HRM benefits cardiac health and increases circulation. Internal coherence reduces anxiety and fear and increases one's influence and capacity. Ultimately, HRM can bring a state of radiant peace, and we have a greater effect on our surroundings than our surroundings have on us.

Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. CUF Library

All are welcome!



Celebration Sunday & CUF Picnic on June 1st!

As a fitting capstone to our Celebration Sunday, June 1st, we will have a picnic at CUF following the morning service. Dewey Hasbrouck of CUF and Moe's BBQ in Bangor has generously offered to cater the picnic. We will sell tickets for \$5/person or \$15/family during coffee hours in May. The money raised will support *Orono to Africa*, a benevolence recipient chosen by the Deacons which

supports a sewing project with Marquita Hill in Malawi and the work of Emily Wesson in Mozambique!



If you haven't been to Moe's (hard to believe!) you are in for a big treat. Think pulled pork, smoked turkey, baked beans, marinated slaw, cucumber watermelon salad, and much more. Dewey will also provide servings of Moe's marinated/smoked

tofu for vegetarians along with several sides that are vegetarian appropriate. Most everything is gluten-free. We'll need an accurate count for Dewey so please plan to buy your tickets by **May 25th**.

We hope to see you there. BTW, Lorna promises a bbq-related sermon so plan on a double-header that day...church and barbecue. A winning combination! Any questions, see **Ed Brazee, #207.576.8401**

...from the Commissioned Minister

Welcome to the beautiful month of May, the month of planting and nurturing new life. Growing up in the Bronx on Arthur Avenue, the *Little Italy of the Bronx*, has wonderful and fond memories. We lived on the top floor of a five-story tenement. Every spring mom's blue morning glories framed the kitchen window and welcomed each sunrise. Dad's tomato plants happily grew in a basin in the corner of the fire escape outside the "little bedroom" window. My parents, farmers in Southern Italy, brought their love and respect for the environment with them when they emigrated to America. Last year I finally succeeded in having a window box each of Basil and Parsley. Speaking of gardens, a short while ago I received a cool recipe for planting a garden -- "Saintly Seeds*" is a condensed version of an anonymous planter's guide, entitled: *Gardening for Life*.

---Plant three rows of peas: 1. Peace of mind, 2. Peace of heart, 3. Peace of soul.

---Plant four rows of squash: 1. Squash gossip, 2. Squash indifference, 3. Squash grumbling, 4. Squash selfishness.

---Plant four rows of lettuce: 1. Lettuce be faithful, 2. Lettuce be kind, 3. Lettuce be patient, 4. Lettuce really love one another.

---Plant three rows of turnips: 1. Turnip for meetings, 2. Turnip for service, 3. Turnip to help one another

---Plant three rows of thyme: 1. Thyme for each other, 2. Thyme for family, 3. Thyme for friends.

Sow your seeds at the proper time, water with patience, cultivate with love, and you will reap abundantly.

(*Reprinted with permission of Rev. Peter Panagore)

I pray that your spring will blossom with unexpected beauty and surprises of new life.

With love and prayers, Anne Borreggine

Dedicated in honor of
SALLY C. JACOBS
 founding president of the Sunrise Trail Coalition

The opening of the Down East Sunrise Trail was a dream come true for Sally Jacobs. As an educator, outdoor enthusiast and conservationist, she was the driving force behind the trail's creation. For more than 25 years her boundless energy and dedication provided an amazing asset to the Down East Area which will be enjoyed for generations.

Down East
 Sunrise Trail

A MEMORIAL CEREMONY

IN HONOR OF

SALLY JACOBS

AUGUST 15TH 3:00 PM

MACHIAS, ME

The Worship Team of
The Church of Universal Fellowship
announces

The Piano Fund

Our beautiful Steinway piano needs major attention.
The \$50,000 instrument needs \$7,500 to repair its inner "action".
Help support our amazing pianists with an instrument equal to their talent!

Purchase a Key = \$ 88

Purchase a Chord!

Purchase a whole Concerto!

Goals:

- ❖ Integrity of worship
- ❖ Concert Series to fund Benevolent Giving
- ❖ Community Outreach

Here are just four of our many talented artists who would like to see this happen!



Organist! *Dr. Laura Artesani* is Associate Professor in the UMaine School of Performing Arts where she teaches music education and music history. Laura is piano accompanist for the University Singers and performs frequently in faculty and student recitals.

Euphony Director! *Francis John Vogt* is voice instructor at UMaine and Music Director of the chamber choir Euphony. In September, Fran will be UMaine's new Director of Choral Activities.

Faithful Worshiper! *Mark Baker* is often at our keyboard! He has played the piano since early childhood and began formal lessons in his teens. When not at the keyboard, Mark is Senior Systems Analyst at Affiliated Lab based at EMMC.

Sunday Schooler! William Xu has been studying piano with teacher Paulina Glazman since he was 5 years old and is often one of our young artists who participate in worship. William is a third grader at Fruit Street School and an avid participator in CUF's Messy Church. William is the current State of Maine Chess Champion in the K-3 Division!

The Maine Conference, United Church of Christ

cordially invites you to join a Pilgrimage to:

The Holy Land

A Contemporary Studies Pilgrimage in Israel, the West Bank, and Jordan
Group Leader: **The Reverend Darren L. Morgan**, Associate Conference Minister



The Holy Land, The Holy People
November 2-12, 2014
\$3,091 Roundtrip from Boston

Optional 4 Day Elective
The Wonders of Petra & Jordan
Returning November 16, 2014
\$1,389

This pilgrimage will acquaint participants with the geographical and cultural settings of the New Testament and relate historical studies to contemporary dynamics in Israel, Palestine, and Jordan. The pilgrimage will include morning and evening discussion groups on the historical and

contemporary themes and visits with indigenous people. This pilgrimage is designed to introduce participants to the state of the art of biblical studies in the Holy Land. The learning process will be contextual and experiential. We will endeavor especially to examine the moral dimensions of biblical learning and teaching. We are particularly interested in understanding how biblical studies and the biblical faith relate to the context of the Holy Land.

Included in the Price:

- Round trip airfare (Boston \leftrightarrow Tel Aviv)
- Faculty escort from the faculty of The Society for Biblical Studies
- 9 nights lodging, 18 meals (9 breakfasts and 9 dinners) at First class hotels
- All transfers and ground transportation in First class coaches from arrival in Tel Aviv throughout the journey
- All entry fees for sites in itinerary – no hidden costs for “optional excursions”
- All tips for drivers and hotel staff (except portage)
- \$250 per person donation to the Maine Conference UCC
- Price guaranteed based on 40 in group, not subject to any adjustment for currency fluctuation



For more information, please contact the CUF church office: 866-3655

The complete trip itinerary and registration materials can be found at: www.maineucc.org

~ WILL YOU BE A NEW MEMBER? ~

If you are new to our church, your presence in worship and your participation in any and all of our services, programs, and events are greatly valued by the congregation and the minister. We hope you will continue to be with us on a regular basis for a long time to come and that your relationship with the Church of Universal Fellowship will continue to grow.

Twice during the year, the church extends an invitation to formal membership. If you desire at this time to become a formal member of our church, and we sincerely hope you do, here are two dates to remember.

An "Info-Coffee"

Sunday, May 18th

9:00 AM The MacKenzie Room (upstairs at the end of the hall)

Trustees, Deacons, and the Minister will be available to talk with you and to answer any questions you may have.

Although it is not necessary to attend an "Info-Coffee" in order to join the church, we do hope you will take advantage of this time to get better acquainted with us! Children welcome!

The Receiving of New Members

Sunday, June 1st

Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10:15 AM

If you have any questions whatsoever about the process of membership or if you would like to meet with the minister individually, please call the church office. If it is your desire to join the church at this time, please call the church office at 866.3655 and let us know. Know that we always welcome your presence among us and would look forward to welcoming you formally on June 1st.

Upcoming Hospitality and Greeting Schedule

Hospitality (refreshments)

Greeting

May 11	Rose Marie and Ted Curtis	Anne Borreggine and Imogene Brightman
May 18	David Cox and Stephen Burnham	Jayne Bartley and Stefanie Egenhofer
May 25	Joyce and Paul Harris	Tricia and Thomas Griffith
June 1	Church Picnic!	Gladys and Ron Noyes

Please contact Stefanie Egenhofer at 866-3862 with any changes. Thank you!



GREEN THUMB SALE

Saturday, May 31, 2014

on the lawn from 9:00 - 2:00 pm

Come to purchase annuals, perennials, shrubs, and raspberry plants! Empty pots are still needed and can be left on the church porch. Workers are welcome to help by donating plants or helping to pot at 9:30 am at Betty Carr's house (41 Mainewood Ave, Orono (866-3620) on weekdays through Thursday, May 29.

Also, help the day of the sale is welcome, no experience needed. Green Thumb is looking for someone to run the food sale table. This is an easy, one-day commitment! Alma Homola will help set up. The volunteers get to say where the money goes! Please call Alma for more information (866-4754).

DIGGING DEEPER 12:10 pm

Sunday, May 11: Come to the Library prepared to discuss what you'd like to see Digging Deeper do next year. What did you like? What new ideas do you have?

Sunday May 18: Join us in the Vestry after church for Dacie Manion's slide show of her trip to Taiwan.

Sunday May 25: Cherie Braun a good friend of Thomas and Tricia Griffith will be sharing the story and poetry of Auschwitz survivor Zofia Abramowicz had. Zofia wrote these poems in secret while in Auschwitz and they were given to Cherie after Zofia's passing. Cherie is now sharing this gift of Zofia's story with others.



MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, May 30, 6 pm

Eli and Jasper McGill will host a movie about former baseball player Cesar Faz,

who returns home to Mexico as he is defeated by the racism of the Major Leagues. He coaches a local youth league team, leading them all the way to the Little League World Series.

Bring your ideas for movies for next year!

State of Grace Women's Book Group

5:30 in the Gathering Place

May 19, 2014 *The Burgess Boys*,

by Elizabeth Strout

Please call Johanna Szillery at 827-4172 for more information.

ALLIANCE

Daffodil Luncheon, Tuesday, May 13,

12:30 pm in the Vestry

Following lunch, the Thrift Shop models will be entertaining us with a wonderful fashion show!



It's that time of year to clean out CUF's lost & found. A table will be set up in the Gathering place Hallway with all the found items. Any items not claimed by Monday, May

19th will be donated to the Orono Thrift Shop. Thank you.

News of Our Young People

Neily Raymond was awarded Second Place Individual for grade 6 in the Eastern Maine Math League Large School Division at the Math Meet, held at Eastern Maine Community College! The competition includes 19 schools and several hundred students. This was Neily's third and final meet of the year where her placement was determined by averaging her scores from all three meets.

Speedy Nolan Raymond placed second in the Penobscot Valley District Pinewood Derby Championship race! Nolan raced against approximately eighty Cub Scouts representing eighteen packs. "The Speedy Skeleton" car is now in retirement! Just one more year to go for Raymonds in the Pinewood Derby!

Anna Ellis and **Rory Sullivan** made the honor roll. Rory has been accepted at Harvard where she intends to study genetics! **William Xu** is the Maine State K-3 Chess Champion! **Eli McGill** and **Jessie Walker** were the co-stars of the middle school play. Jessie's photo was also in the Bangor Daily News rehearsing with the Bangor Area Children's Choir. **Cameron Sullivan's** Old Town High School robotics team came in second at the regional robotics competition. **Emily Feher** learned how to play "Go Now in Peace" on the piano.

Thanks to Leah Vetelino, Anna Ellis and Will Hunter who filled in for Samantha in the nursery.

Summer Sunday School

Once again we will have a literature based curriculum for Summer Sunday School, continuing the theme of "values we want to have". In mid-May, there will be a display of plastic envelopes with books and lesson plans and a sign up sheet. Please consider signing up for one (or more) Sundays, either as a head teacher or an assistant/floater.