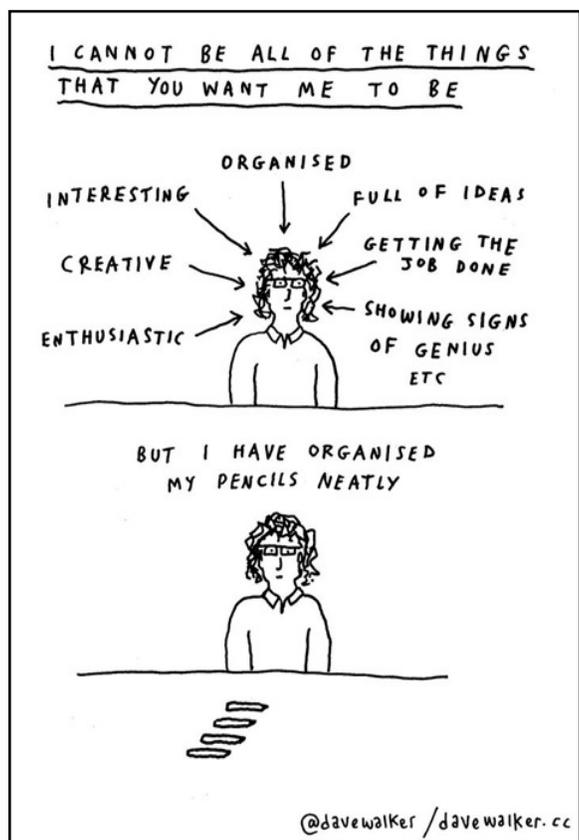


Dear Friends,

For Christians all over the world, the Lenten journey of forty days is a time of introspection, a time to ask oneself, "Am I the person I want to be? Have life's twists and turns, bumps, potholes and

frost heaves put me out of alignment with what I hold as values, the guidelines by which I strive to live my life? As a Christian, what most affects my choices and decisions? Is it our consumer culture, the expectations of others, a desire for status, or am I holding my own, aligning myself with Christ's teachings of compassion and justice?"

As we worship and sing and pray together, may your inward journey this year be meaningful



and formative. May you greet Easter morning with a joy in your heart that comes from spending some Lenten time re-evaluating and re-focusing.

Oh, and may all your pencils be organized neatly!

See you in church,

Lorna

The Reverend Lornagrace Grenfell

~ HOLY WEEK SERVICES ~

Maundy Thursday, April 2

Shared Supper and Communion at 6:00 pm

(for reservations: call 866-3655)

Good Friday, April 3, Tenebrae Service at 7:00 pm

~ EASTER SUNDAY, April 5th ~

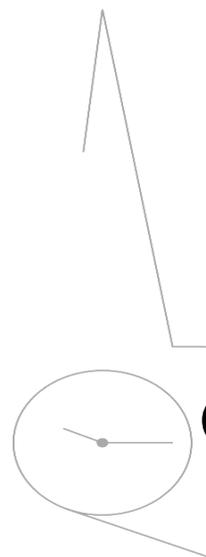
Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am

Penobscot Valley Country Club

Easter Morning Breakfast at 7:15 am

Church of Universal Fellowship: 82 Main Street

EASTER MORNING WORSHIP at 10:15 am



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Around CUF . . .

The Transparent Budget meeting was an excellent “dollars and desserts” gathering. Thank you, Trustees for the goodies and the information!... Our hearts are filled with gratitude to Ted Curtis who led our Annual Meeting for the last time last Sunday. Ted, now our official Mayor of CUF, is handing the Moderator’s job over to David Chase!... Thank you also to so many people who helped with the fabulous Soup Buffet for our Annual Meeting!... Thank you to all those who have served faithfully on committees and teams and boards and to those who have stepped forward to take a turn! This faith community is truly amazing!... Congrats to Director Cami Carter for the great Orono Middle School Show Choir presentation *When I Grow Up* which included Eli McGill, Xander Lanigan and Jessie Walker!... Two new hymnal dedications were given in honor and memory of Arnie Neptune by the Hopkins!... Those lovely holly tablecloths that we saw all through the holidays were a gift from Lyn and Randy Adkins!... Eliza McPhee created a dress swap for the Father/Daughter Dance!... We liked the photo of Anna Ellis and Tommy Woodward of the OHS National Honor Society!... Congratulations to Anna for receiving the Anne Norton Sportsmanship Award and for her acceptance at Dartmouth for next fall!... We are missing all our snowbirds! Cathy Marquez, Randy and Lyn Adkins, and Paul and Joyce Harris are all in Florida! And Connie Carter and Ed Brazee are in Mexico! We were glad to welcome home Betty Carr from California!... MaryLee McIntosh and Trudy Tremblay are often among those on the ski slopes this winter!... Thanks to Jon Hawley for the wonderful stack of books donated to the church Library!... Thank you to Mark Bilyk for keeping the sidewalk to street pathways open all winter!...

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

March Challenge: What CUF member was featured in the *We Are Bangor* video about how to pronounce “Bangor” that was featured on the national news?

February Challenge: *Whose granddaughter plays with the Amarantos String Quartet whose mission is “to reinvent the role of the string quartet in the modern cultural landscape” and was featured online on TEDxDirigo? Answer: Lauren Hastings Genova, granddaughter of Judy Kuhns-Hastings. Lauren also plays with the Bangor Symphony!*

Cards of Condolences may be sent to:

Laura Artesani

14 Spencer St., Orono ME 04473
on the death of her aunt **Virginia Procter**

Kathy Barry

622 Bennoch Rd., Old Town ME 04468
on the death of her mother

Betty Vermont Klucik

Janet Givens

and **Sandra and Emily Feher**
75 Bennoch Rd., Orono ME 04473
on the death of **Horace R. Givens**

Charles Scontras

24 Kettle Cove Rd., Cape Elizabeth ME 04107
on the death of his wife **Joanne Scontras**

MYSTERY FRIENDS!

Secret pals have been writing to each other since Thanksgiving! Here are the partners revealed!

Olivia Knott (CattyCatCat) and
Steffi Egenhofer (Myrtle the Turtle)

Nora Dobbs (Jiff) and
Sonya Griswold (Agent Version 3.0)

Jasper McGill (Hutton) and
Sam Kunz (Brown Bear Brown Bear)

Ella Hunter (Dumpling) and
Kai Ksnyiak (Agatha)

Lilliana Griswold (Danica) and
Alma Homola (Woof)

William Xu (Eagle) and
John Swaim (swimfit)

Kirsten Ksnyiak (Dragon) and
Rachel Dobbs (Juneau)

Xander Lanigan (Ducky) and
Glenn Griswold (Matthew)

Elizabeth Smith (Nala) and
Lorna Grenfell (Hagrid)

Henry Smith (Sir Thomas) and
Barbara Turner (Robin Hood)

Tucker Ellis (Blondie) and
Carolyn Hopkins (Word Bird)

Elijah McGill (Schweinsteiger) and
Maddie Emerson (Tattle Tale)

Emily Feher (Ice Hockey) and
Nancy Leavitt (Pixie)

George Smith (Dr. Who) and
Carl Gridley (Cat Master)

CHURCH OF UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP
ADULT EDUCATION -- SPRING 2015

All are welcome to all programs and events!

- *March 1, Sunday #12:10 in The Library:** A Look at Sacred Texts: Hinduism & Zoroastrianism
Presenter: Brian McGill
- *March 6, Friday at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Place:** Friday Book Group
Shipping News by Annie Proulx Host: Fred Irons
- *March 15 Sunday #12:10 in The Library:** A Look at Sacred Texts: Buddhism Presenter: Brian McGill
- *March 22 Sunday #12:10 in The Library:** A Look at Sacred Texts: Taoism Presenter: Brian McGill
- *March 29 Sunday #12:10 in The Library:** A Look at Sacred Texts: Islam Presenter: Brian McGill
- *March 23, Monday at 5:30 in the Gathering Place:** State of Grace Women's Book Group
Shipping News by Annie Proulx Host: Johanna Szillery
- *March 27, Friday at 6:30 pm in the MacKenzie Room:** Movie & BYOWhatever!
Movie with Kevin Spacey and Judi Dench! Host: Fred Irons
- *April 10, Friday at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Place:** Friday Book Group
Abide with Me by Elizabeth Strout Host: Betty Carr
- *April 12, Sunday, #12:10 in The Library:** *Who Is Theologian C. S. Lewis?* Host: Will Hunter
- *April 13, Monday, at 5:30 pm in the Gathering Place:** State of Grace Women's Book Group:
The Poacher's Son by Paul Doiron Host: Johanna Szillery
- *April 24, Friday at 6:30 pm in the MacKenzie Room:** Movie & BYOWhatever!
Movie: TBA Host: Maddie Emerson
- *April 26, Sunday, #12:10 in The Library:** *Page 4 of the Sermon*
Host: Reverend Lorna Grenfell Come and talk back to the sermon!
- *May 1, Friday at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Place:** Friday Book Group
Man's Search for Meaning by Viktor Frankl Host: Fred Irons
- *May 3, Sunday, #12:10 in The Vestry:** *Slideshow of European Trip*
Hosts: Irene von Hoffmann and John McCormack
- *May 15, Friday at 6:30 pm in the Mackenzie Room:** Movie & BYOWhatever!
Movie: TBA Host: Judy Kuhns Hastings
- *May 17, Sunday, #12:10 in The Library:** *Who Is Theologian Marcus Borg?* Host: Barbara Turner
- *May 18, Monday at 5:30 pm in the Gathering Place:** State of Grace Women's Book Group
Philomena: A Mother, A Son, and a Fifty-year Search by Martin Sixsmith Host: Johanna Szillery



Pilgrim Lodge

A summer camp ministry of the Maine Conference, United Church of Christ.

Our mission is to help young people and adults grow as Christians. We achieve this growth through week long experiences in group living involving exposure to the world of nature, helpful caring relationships, experiences of sharing, recreation, fellowship, and worship. By engaging in purposeful programming, campers and counselors broaden their understanding of God and the world. Together we seek to overcome fears and frustrations and

to experience the joy of giving and receiving love. The camp community creates a life-style in accordance with Christian values, an openness to the Holy Spirit, and the grace of Jesus Christ. We offer both youth and adult camps throughout the summer months. Please review our 2015 summer schedule: <http://www.pilgrimlodge.org/schedule.php>.

For more information: <http://www.pilgrimlodge.org/> or contact The Rev. Darren Morgan 947-1660 to answer any questions you have regarding our program.

...from the Commissioned Minister

Welcome to the month of March. I awoke on the morning of February 2nd to see these headlines: “Groundhog Day 2015: Punxsutawney Phil sees shadow, predicts six more weeks of winter.” Brr. Why, I wondered, doesn't his audience go out of their way to make sure there is no chance for him to see his shadow and return to cover? Oh well, we'll just have to shovel, clean off our car, keep warm, listen and watch for birds and keep looking for the green signs of spring ... sprouting through the snow.

February was a wonderful month of activities at the Maine Vets Home. The Hampden Girl Scout Cadettes came to help residents create Valentine's Day cards. We arrived at the designated unit and learned that folks were ill. So we transported five “B” unit folks to the Multi Purpose Room, where they enjoyed being creative and the attention. John Bapst sponsored the Valentine's Day Ball. On St. Valentine's Day I distributed an entire pack of cards received from an elementary school, to each resident. It was a chance for me to visit individually with the 120 residents on the Long Term Care (D Unit), Skilled (C Unit) and Alzheimer's (B Unit) Units. I thoroughly enjoyed visiting with each person because it gave me a chance to spend time with each one and to visit with “old friends.”

Friday the 13th gave us, on the Alzheimer's Unit, a chance to hear the history of superstitions. Among other superstitions, we heard the origins of “knock on wood”, and the “perils” of a *black cat walking in front of you, and of walking under a ladder*. Did you know *knocking on wood* came from the belief that spirits lived in trees (which are firmly planted in the ground)? I have begun a search for Nursery Rhymes and of BINGO. My belief is learning is good for the body, mind and spirit. To be honest, I enjoy bringing information, and rejoice as we share the Bible and our Faith and as each participates and grows. I learn a lot as my respect for them deepens.

The Masons continue their monthly visits to each unit every Monday, bringing donuts to each unit including Residential Care, Long Term Care, Skilled and Alzheimer's Units. This monthly event is participated in, enjoyed by the residents along with donuts, coffee and one-to-one conversation and a sing-along.

For attractive lips, speak words of kindness. For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people. For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry. For beautiful hair, let a child run his or her fingers through it once a day. For poise, walk with the knowledge that you'll never walk alone. -- Audrey Hepburn (1929-1993) British Actress

Thank you for being you. Love and prayers, Anne Borreggine, Commissioned for Ministry to Older Persons

Hospitality and Greeting Schedule

Hospitality (refreshments)

Greeting

Mar 1	Phyllis Borns and Stefanie Egenhofer	June Fiske and Dee Virtue
Mar 8	Johanna Szillery and Judy Perkins Walker	Lavon Taylor and Sylvia Pomroy
Mar 15	Irene von Hoffmann and John McCormack	Kathy Barry and Betty Carr
Mar 22	Lavon Taylor and Stefanie Egenhofer	Ginny and Bob Gallant
Mar 29	Trudy and Wendall Tremblay	Kai and Kirsten Ksyniak
Apr 5	Easter Sunday	Gladys and Ron Noyes

Please send cards of love to those not able to be with us in worship this winter?

Elizabeth Buck, Cynthia Ellis, Doris Gray, Leland Lowery, Ronald and Gladys Noyes, Phil and Priscilla Osberg, Edie Roeder, Charlotte and Harold Treworgy, and Sandra Warner

(Addresses are in the church directory.)

Messy Church
Grand Finale!

Come help us celebrate the six years of Messy Church on **Saturday, March 7, 4-6 pm**. We will talk about values and have some of the most popular Messy Church projects, as well as a light supper.

Congratulations Anna!

Anna Ellis is a member of the Orono High School Girls Cross Country Team, which won both Eastern Maine and State Champions for the second year in a row. Anna has received early acceptance and will attend Dartmouth College.



We will gather in the Mackenzie Room at **6:30**.

March 27: Distraught after the disappearance of his estranged wife, Quoyle and

his daughter move into their ancestral home with his long-lost aunt in Newfoundland, where life is rough and secrets are buried deep. With Kevin Spacey and Julianne Moore. Host: Fred Irons

(Fund-raiser dinner at OUMC at 5:30!!)

April 24: Unhappily living with her son and snobby daughter-in-law, Carrie Watts longs to reconnect with her past by visiting her the place where she grew up. Undeterred by her son's opposition, Carrie boards a bus and takes off for her home on her own. With Cicely Tyson and Vanessa Williams. Host: Maddie Emerson

May 29:

The autobiography of Solomon Northup, a free black man who was abducted in New York state and sold into slavery in the 1800's. Host: Judy Kuhns-Hastings.

Friday Book Night
7:00 pm Gathering Place

March 6: **Shipping News** by Annie Proulx host: Fred Irons
April 10: **Abide with Me** by Elizabeth Strout host: Betty Carr
May 1: **Man's Search for Meaning** by Viktor Frankl host: Fred Irons

State of Grace Women's Book Group
5:30 pm Gathering Place

Come join us. Call Johanna Szillery at 827-4172 for more information.

March 23, 2015 - **Shipping News** by E. Annie Proulx
April 13, 2015 - **The Poacher's Son** by Paul Doiron
May 18, 2015 - **Philomena: A Mother, A Son, and a Fifty-year Search** by Martin Sixsmith

ALLIANCE

All are welcome to hear Joanne Harriman, Superintendent of Orono Schools on **Tuesday, March 10** at noon in the Gathering Place. She has agreed to bring Alliance and friends up to date on the Orono School backpack program, summer recreation plans and answer questions. Bring a lunch, beverage and dessert will be provided. If Orono Schools are cancelled due to bad weather, we will cancel as well.

Upcoming Meetings:

Service Group: Tuesday, March 1, 9:00 am
Deacons: Tuesday, March 3, 5:30 pm
Trustees: Sunday, March 8, 12:15 pm

Gospel Readings for March 2015

March 1: Mark 8:27-38
March 8: John 2:13-22
March 15: John 3:14-21
March 22: John 12:20-33
March 29: Mark 11:1-11 ~ Palm Sunday

Lent, CUF and Acadia Hospital ~~

The CUF "marked offering" on the Sundays of Lent and Easter will go towards a fund raising effort for Acadia Hospital, the non-profit acute care and mental health agency in Bangor. Acadia provides a safe and positive environment for children, adolescents, and adults with mental health and chemical dependency problems and advocates for their mental, physical and spiritual well-being. Both of Acadia's hospital-based and community-based mental health and substance abuse treatment services work toward a unified mission—empowering people to improve their lives.

It's Easy Being Green! Thanks for all your ideas on our TREE!

Home Suggestions:

- turn the heat down
- make your own laundry detergent w/ 3 easy ingredients; 2c Borax, 2c washing soda, 1 bar of Castille soap grated. Mix ingredients, use 2T per load.
- use cloth diapers
- use all things in moderation
- keep thermostat 1-2 degrees cooler, put on a sweater
- use leftover foods
- Walk or bike when possible
- Buy items at gently used, creates less trash
- Hang-up clothes to dry
- use the backs of envelopes/correspondence for notes or lists
- make napkins, book covers, and quilts, out of old men's shirts

Holiday Suggestions:

- Use gift bags for birthdays/Christmas or make your own cloth re-useable gift bags
- Re-use gift wrap paper or use newspaper
- Re-cycle old Christmas lights

Church Suggestions:

- Use mugs instead of paper cups
- post RECYCLE signs/put out more bins/illustrate examples of what can be recycled
- Transition bathrooms to no paper towels and use air hand dryers
- solar panels on the roof

Garden Suggestions:

- Compost all winter long to use in the garden and enrich the soil
- Shred the leaves to use on the garden
- Plant heirloom varieties to promote genetic diversity
- Grow your own organic vegetables
- Stop mowing your yard to provide living space for critters
- Use shirt seams from old men's shirts to tie up tomatoes

Community Suggestions:

- Donate your clothes and unwanted items to Goodwill or another worthy cause
- Recycle instead of throwing it in the trash
- Don't LITTER
- Be happy and stay GREEN

Turning Money into Media

Ben & Jerry's cofounder on how to fight back against big money in politics.

"As ice cream entrepreneurs, Jerry and I have been on a journey that has led us squarely to the conclusion that, while there are many ways that a business can use its power to improve people's quality of life, the most effective lever for economic and social justice is the government.

Business can use its voice to influence government for good. But too often big corporations use the system of unlimited political "donations"—a system that John McCain calls "legalized bribery"—to skew the government in favor of their own narrow self-interest. That's why I'm devoting my time and treasure to hacking at a root cause of injustice: big money in politics and crony capitalism.

A nationwide poll of small business owners commissioned by Small Business Majority found more than three-fourths (77%) of small employers say big businesses have a significant impact on government decisions and the political process, whereas a mere 24% say small businesses have a significant impact on the process.

The same poll shows 85% of small business owners (the real "job creators") support efforts to get big money out of politics. This is consistent with other polls that say 80% of Americans—Republicans, Democrats, and independents—agree there is too much money being spent to influence elections and lawmakers.

People are right to view their representatives askance. A recent study affirmed that having money does, in fact, lead to increased access and influence in Washington. Researchers found that representatives were more likely to meet with people donating money than with a regular constituent, and laws were more likely to reflect wealthy special interests rather than the public interest.

Take for example the 2015 budget bill (H.R.83), which included a provision written by Citigroup lobbyists to roll back part of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and deregulate derivative trading. These are the same complicated financial devices that helped precipitate the economic meltdown in 2008.

These big-money groups, with their entourage of lobbyists, have suppressed the voices of regular citizens in Washington. They have knocked out our country's constitutional promise to "promote the general welfare" by politically privileging wealthy interests.

I decided to fight back. Last year I started a campaign, called the Stamp Stampede, to rally grassroots "we the people" to get big money out of politics. More than 30,000 people across the country—and the numbers are growing—are stamping paper currency with messages such as "**Not to be Used for Buying Elections**". We're turning actual paper money into millions of miniature billboards to create a mass visual demonstration of support to get money out of politics. We've even recruited hundreds of small businesses to set up point-of-purchase stamping stations in their stores so that customers can stamp their money and get involved.

Every stamped dollar is seen 875 times. That means that one person stamping three bills a day for a year will create a million impressions. We're literally turning money into media. It's monetary jujitsu—using money to get money out of politics.

The movement is rapidly growing. More than 550 towns and cities have passed anticorruption measures to address big money in politics. President Obama and more than 150 members of Congress support an amendment to overturn Citizens United. There is a lot more work to be done, but nothing worth doing comes without its challenges.

Our government "of the people, by the people, for the people" is in serious jeopardy. Together we can use something as simple as a rubber stamp to create a roar so loud that even congress will be forced to act."

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Note: To date, 16 states have voted for this. Almost 32,000 stamps are in use and the Stampede message will have been seen almost 90,000,000 times.

If you so desire, Judy Kuhns-Hastings and Commissioned Minister Anne Borreggine will stamp your bills after worship in the Gathering Place!

Register now and be one of 800 runners and walkers who participate in...

The University of Maine
8TH ANNUAL
HEALTHY HIGH 5/10K & 1 MILE FUN RUN!

Sponsored by: University Credit Union

Tech shirts for the first 700 runners/walkers in the 5k and 10k
Finisher medals for all who cross the finish line Certified Course

April 20, 2015, 4:20 p.m.

Location: Student Recreation & Fitness Center University of Maine

<http://umaine.edu/aod/healthy-high-5k-10k/>

Register at: healthyhigh.racewire.com

Updates on facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1542512182632740/>

Only \$5 for students in the 5K

Only \$20 for non-students in the 5K

Staff and faculty get 20 RiseUp points for participating

Bring shoes to donate for Soles for Souls

The race supports the Bodwell Center for Service and Volunteerism Day of Service
and the Black Bear Exchange

Upcoming Area Church Benefit Dinners

Old Town United Methodist Church

Saturday, March 7, 4:30 -6:00

in support of

“Imagine No Malaria”

Beef Stew, Homemade Cornbread, Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Punch

\$7/Adults \$5/Children(12 and under) \$20/Family

Orono United Methodist Church

Friday, March 27, 5:30 pm in The Fellowship Hall

in support of

The Wilson Center: Home of the Maine Christian Association

Fish Chowder, Lentil and Vegetable Beef Soups

Biscuits, Breads and Pastries

Suggested Donation:

\$6/ person \$15/family