

Dear Friends,

At last, summer is upon us! Our CUF “program year” is ending. Edinburgh, Leipzig, Amsterdam, Stockholm, Lake Constance, Paris, Boston, New York, New Orleans, Denver—the upcoming trip destinations of so many CUFers are cropping up in conversations! Whether your plans include far away places or time spent relaxing in your garden, at the lake, in the mountains or by the sea, meaningful, lasting memories will be made, and your own presence will be a part of those memories for family, for friends, and for new acquaintances.

Abigail Curtis is a byline writer for the *Bangor Daily News*. When beloved Ted Curtis passed away last April, daughter Abigail captured her memories in a poem about her father and had the courage to read it aloud at his memorial service. Many of you have asked to have it, so Abigail has given permission to print it here in the WIND.

*For Dad*

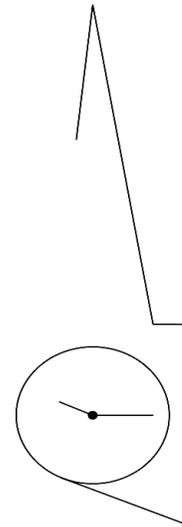
*My father is solid as law, quick as the waves across Casco Bay,  
lovely as the plain Protestant music he sings in the back row of the church choir.  
My father is the arms holding me tight.  
He's the long legs we follow behind, ducklings in a row,  
forced to sing German hiking songs  
in robust voices that ring through the woods of Maine.  
My father is the bright orange hat donned to tromp through  
thin December snow to bring in our Christmas tree.  
Maybe my father is the tree itself, homegrown, a little untrimmed, but nothing that  
lights, presents and the silly star on top won't make perfect.  
My father is the spirit of Christmas, making breakfast for his Curtis Clan,  
still believing in the magic decades after his children had figured it all out.  
My father is The Night Before Christmas, reading with such suspense  
we half expected to hear reindeer clatter on our roof.  
And why not? This is the man who read Dickens to my fifth grade class,  
and we loved it, even the kids who could not sit still and barely made it through a  
day without a timeout.  
My father knew about not sitting still.  
My father is the hug, the handshake and the smile  
that met me on the gymnasium stage when,  
at 17, both scared and excited about the future, I was given my high school diploma.  
It goes on, this list. When hasn't my father been there?  
He is the meddlesome Jewish grandmother, wanting to marry me off,  
and when it doesn't work out, he tells me it will be okay boys are crazy.  
This helps, though I don't let him know.  
No one of Puritan stock is as optimistic as he.  
What kind of man with a leg crushed at sea could find the love of his life  
in a hospital room?  
Sick now, it's a struggle for him. His harsh cough racks his lungs  
and rocks my soul.  
How can the most alive person I've ever known fight so hard for simple survival?  
It comes down to this: love.  
Love is his life, and love is strong. Stronger even than death.  
And these memories he has given me will sing through my life all the days I have.*

So! Go forth! Make memories of love that will sing in the lives of others for years to come!

See you in church,

Lorna

The Reverend Lornagrace Grenfell



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Around CUF . . .

Mothers' Day was again celebrated in our sacred space by calling forth the names of the nurturing women in our lives, both past and present!... Gary Noyes is up and about on his new leg!... After a long illness, Carl Gridley was in worship last Sunday!... John McCormack donated his UMaine rocker to our Nursery Room!... Jessie Walker was honored by Stillwater Community Arts at the 2015 Young Artist Showcase!... Tucker Ellis won the Modern Woodmen's Speech Award this year in Orono!... Over 50 people celebrated Shabbat with our children in the Vestry! The service and meal were led by Rabbi Darah Lerner and five others from Congregation Beth El!... Thank you to all who participated in CUF's Communications Survey. Results coming soon!... The Euphony concert was fabulous as always! Thank you Fran Vogt!... Ginny Gallant, Carolyn Hopkins and Barbara Turner were all quoted in Bangor Metro's article on historic churches which featured a photo of CUF's sanctuary!... Our Earth Day clean-up was amazing! Thank you to all who participated!



## Congratulations to All Graduates!

Anna Ellis and Tommy Woodward  
Orono High School

Blaise Breton Collett  
summa cum laude, University of Maine

Kristen Jean Douglass  
University of Maine

Christopher Matthew Gilman  
Maine Maritime Academy

Dacie Julia Manion  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Matthew David Richard  
magna cum laude, University of Maine

Jacob Anthony St. Peter  
cum laude, University of Maine

Cody Bryant St. Louis  
cum laude, University of Maine

Jared Scott Winchenbach  
cum laude, University of Maine

Keji Xu  
Princeton University

Kristen Bisson  
MA, Visual School of Art, NYC

Amanda Olson Brazee  
MA, University of Minnesota

Samuel Gordon Kunz  
MA, University of Maine

Joanne Cassida Harriman  
Doctor of Education, University of Maine

Congratulations to  
Grandparents Connie Carter and Ed Brazee  
on the birth of grand twins  
**River Cooley Carter and Phoebe Walden Carter**  
born to Kris Carter and Kat Callard in Boston

## ? Who ? Who ? Who ? Who ?

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!

**June Challenge:** At the 2015 Maine Women's Fund Leadership Luncheon in Portland (\$79 per ticket!), what young person who joined CUF in our 2009 Confirmation Class received the Samantha Smith Award? (Hint: The award recognizes a young woman from Maine who works to promote social change in her school or community, inspires other girls to become active in supporting long lasting change in Maine, uses her voice boldly to influence others and make a difference in her community.)

**May Challenge:** What TWO CUF members ran the 2015 Boston Marathon last month?

**Lauri Sidelko and Johanna Szillery**

## CUF's Summer Schedule

On June 14, Sunday Worship changes to 9:30 am!

Preaching for our summer schedule:

June 21: The Reverend Emily Taylor  
June 28, July 5, 12: The Reverend Lorna Grenfell  
July 19: Rabbi Darah Lerner  
July 26: The Reverend Emily Taylor  
August 2: The Reverend Darren Morgan  
August 9: The Reverend Emily Taylor  
August 16-Sept 6: The Reverend Lorna Grenfell

**Rev. Lorna will be out of town July 13-Aug. 14.**

**If there is an emergency, please call either Paul Harris 866-4991 or Steffi Egenhofer 866-3862 to arrange ministerial care. Thank you.**



**Friday Book Night**  
**Book List for 2015 – 2016**

**First Fridays 7:00 Gathering Place**

Here are the books for this coming year in no particular order.

- The Burgess Boys*, by Elizabeth Strout
- Straight Man*, by Richard Russo
- Orphan Train*, by Christina Baker Kline
- Screwtape Letters*, by C.S. Lewis
- Small Gods*, by Terry Pratchett
- The Absolutely True Diary of the Part-Time Indian*, by Sherman Alexie
- Come Spring*, by Ben Ames Williams
- Tattoos on the Heart: the Power of Boundless Compassion*, by Fr. Greg Boyle

Some of the books are in the Gathering Place on the book cart. Judy Kuhns-Hastings is in the process of getting the remainder of the books.

**State of Grace**  
**Book List for 2015 - 2016**

Looking for some book suggestions? Here are a few ideas to fill up your summer reading pile! State of Grace, the monthly women's book group at CUF, has selected the following books for 2015-2016. Join us for one, a few, or all of these discussions. We meet at 5:30pm, and share discussion, laughs and often pizza too! Call Judy Perkins-Walker at 866-2677 or Johanna Szillery at 827-4172 for more information.

Happy Reading!

- September 21, 2015 – *A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence, and Power* Jimmy Carter
- October 19, 2015 – *The Solace of Leaving Early* by Haven Kimmel
- November 16, 2015 – *The Life of Pi* by Yann Martel
- December 14, 2015 – *At the Water's Edge* by Sara Gruen
- March 21, 2016 – *All the Light We Cannot See: A Novel* by Anthony Doerr
- April 18, 2016 – *The Walk: A Novel* by Richard Paul Evans
- May 16, 2016 – *The Winter House* by Joan MacCracken



CUF Library news: This month the featured author is Marcus Borg. There are several copies of *The Heart of Christianity*, two copies of *The First Christmas* (written with John Dominic Crossan) and one copy of *Jesus: Spirit, Life, Discipleship* available in the bookrack on the library table. You can also hear Marcus Borg on the DVDs *First Light*, *Living the Questions*, and *Saving Jesus* (*Saving Jesus* is currently loaned out).

The library has been loosely organized according to categories that Lorna and I thought reasonable, such as Women's Studies, Favorite Authors, Different Pathways (Judaism, Islam, etc.), Bible Commentary, Book Group Books, etc. We hope this will make it easier for people to find books on a specific subject. Please remember to sign out materials on the clipboard on the library table.

Thanks,  
Barbara Turner  
Education Resource Specialist

**A NOTE FROM**  
**THE CUF TREASURER:**

Our budgeted pledges for the year were \$197,034 and through mid-May, we have received \$93,370.50, which is 47.39% of the budgeted amount. Therefore, we are ahead of target, which is AWESOME! Please keep the pledges coming in throughout the summer, which tends to be when CUF has its "cash crunch" period. Operating expenses are right on track – so we're doing very well so far this year!

**Enjoy your summer**  
**and may God bless you!**  
**Kathy Barry, CUF Treasurer**

# Annual Celebration Sunday & Church Picnic!

**NEXT Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

All ticket proceeds will benefit CUF's Orono to Africa benevolence project! In Malawi, CUF helps send children to school and assists in more than a dozen community gardens. In Mozambique, CUF helps fund the tuition for a medical student. **RESERVATION NEEDED! PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**

CUF's Celebration Sunday on June 7<sup>th</sup> will be a time to rededicate our church and receive new members! After worship, everyone is invited to the Annual Church Picnic on the front lawn. Again this year, our picnic will be catered by Dewey and Emily Hasbrouck of Moe's Original BBQ!

**Tickets are on sale after church: \$6 each, \$21 family**

**Any questions? Call Ed Brazee at 576-8401.**

## *The Receiving of New Members*

**Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

**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 7<sup>th</sup>

### **...from the Commissioned Minister**

Ah, June with the promise of warmer days and cooler nights (we hope). Already we hear birds singing, see and hear butterflies fluttering and perhaps even bees buzzing about from flower to flower and busily pollinating.

Palm Sunday I brought palms to distribute to the residents. The story of Jesus' peaceful entry into Jerusalem and the people's celebration, versus Rome's extravagant show of power with soldiers on the other side of town was retold. Our CNA, *Hope*, led the hymn singing, *Geneva* read the scripture. On Easter we reminisced and enjoyed the hot cross buns compliments of our church. After work I brought the remaining two packages to the fire station adjacent to the Veterans Home in the name of our church. A week later, I surprised the residents with my rabbit ears headpiece, much to their amusement.

May was a very busy month with activities filling our days. Some of the highlights include a Spring Carnival, May Day Party, posters for the Troop Greeters, and Mother's Day Party sponsored by the Marine Auxiliary with an Elvis Presley impersonator. We have movie time every Saturday. We also have Reiki sessions. Reiki (Universal Life Energy) is for healing. Numerous music programs were offered including *River of Life*, a country gospel music group and recent addition to MVH and *Local Yokels Vocal* a long time favorite of the residents. Linda, a young lady and piano student, visits the Alzheimer's Unit every Thursday afternoon and plays classical music. I would like to repeat the origin of Nursery Rhymes as some did not make it the last time. Once again dog biscuits were made for the Bangor Humane Society. In May we will honor the many volunteers for their work at the Home. The Alzheimer's Unit experienced sadness when two residents passed to spirit one day apart, one of which was sudden and unexpected. Once again, thank you for your kindness to me. It is appreciated with my whole heart. Have a glorious and healthy summer.

***We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. -- Norman MacFinan***

My love, prayers and blessings are with you. Anne Borreggine, Commissioned for Ministry to Older Persons



\_\_\_ \$ 34,500

\_\_\_ \$ 20,700

## The CUF Green Fund

*...making CUF energy efficient!*

\$20,700! WOW! Thanks to the generosity of so many faithful people, CUF's Green Fund is well on its way. CUF is grateful for the many gifts that have come in, and work will start this summer beginning at the top of the list below. As further gifts are made, work will continue on the final two items on the list. Donations may be made by sending a check to the church marked "Green Fund" in

the memo line. Specific Questions: Brian McGill or John McCormack

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Savings/ year</b>	<b>Payback</b>
<b>1</b>	Keep blinds on average 2/3 closed (100% closed=\$225 saved/year)	\$0	\$150	Immediate
<b>2</b>	Window inserts for skylights in MacKenzie Room & windows in Narthex	\$1,000	\$500	~2 years
<b>3</b>	Air sealing (door gaskets, caulking, outlets, new door to Bell Tower)	\$6,500	\$2,000	~3 years
<b>4</b>	Spray-foam insulation in crawl space under Minister's Office	\$4,000	\$900	~4 years
<b>5</b>	Replace tiles with sheetrock in 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor over McKenzie Room & Library (reduce airflow)	\$6,000	\$1,000	~6 years
<b>6</b>	Cover basement Vestry walls with spray-foam insulation (and cover insulation)	\$9,000	\$900	~10 years
<b>7</b>	Add cellulose insulation up R60 in new connecting addition & Sanctuary ceilings	\$8,000	\$650	~12 years
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$34,500</b>	<b>\$6,100</b>	<b>5.6 years</b>

### ALLIANCE

Another successful community event was held at the Church of Universal Fellowship on Tuesday, May 12, when Alliance sponsored the 27th Daffodil Luncheon and Fashion Show. Many volunteers were involved, beginning with the sale of 100 tickets headed by Mary Ryan. Daffodils were arranged for each table. Cooking the delightful and traditional chicken salad luncheon was co-chaired by Judy Whitney and June Fiske. The waitresses were superb, and there was a special blessing by Reverend Lorna.

Following the luncheon, the latest styles for summer were modeled by OHA members and friends of the Thrift Shop. Many of the modeled items were sold on the spot! Clean-up time and all those dirty dishes were taken care of by expert dishwashers Randy Adkins and Mark Bilyk.