



At 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve, our CUF Sanctuary was filled to the brim. The chatter and laughter and joy were suddenly hushed in anticipation as *A Children's Christmas Eve* began. Each year, this service is presented solely by the children, it has grown in popularity,



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and more people were here for our 4:00 service this Christmas Eve than ever before. The Children's Hand Bell Choir started us off with *Silent Night*, then we heard some Bach on the flute, and then some pieces by Mozart, Czerny and Nakada on the piano. We read *The Little Drummer Boy*, and the children were the drum. The elementary girls sang *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*, everyone had twinkle lights, and we had a piano solo of *Joy to the World*. After the offering, all who wished to be in the Nativity Story rushed to the back pews and donned a costume. As our teens, our Young Adults With Pizzazz, read the story, as the carols were sung, as the solos were played on piano, flute, trombone, trumpet, saxophone and cello, as the angels and shepherds and magi all arrived and the wise men did their now famous rap . . . the birth of Jesus happened for all of us. Again.

That night in the congregation, there was a visitor from two thousand miles away who turned to his father and said, "I am a member of a church three times this size, and we do not have a fraction of the children I am seeing here tonight."

Some of you may remember that in CUF's Blue Skies Survey a few years ago, the response from all of you was overwhelming that CUF should focus its resources on the children. This we did, and the results have been amazing. The children are here. The children are a vital and significant part of our church. On behalf of all of us, I offer CUF's heartfelt thanks to the staff and the volunteers who make church happen for our young people, the next generation.

Deep gratitude to our paid staff who work with the children:

Sarah Marx, *Director of Children's and Youth Ministries*

Cami Carter and **Sam Kunz**, *Leaders of Young Adults With Pizzazz*

Samantha Coltart, *Nursery Caregiver*

Rachel Dobbs, *Hand Bell Choir Director*

Barbara Turner, *Resource Specialist*

Deep gratitude to all the volunteers who work with our children:

Connie Carter, *Worship Team Chair*

Mark Baker, *Worship Team*

All the volunteer **Sunday School Teachers, Assistants and Helpers**

Your commitment, talent and energy are so evident all year round, and we thank you for your faithfulness and dedication!

See you in church,

Lorna

The Reverend Lornagrace Grenfell

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Around CUF . . .

Our CUF Christmas 2015 was lovely! We especially thank all the musicians: The Senior Choir, the Bell Choir and the Children's Bell Choir, Fran Vogt for his solo of Thomas Hardy's *The Oxen*, Simon Bilyk playing *Gesu Bambino* on the violin, Nathan Lesser playing Piazzolla's *Ave Maria* on the violin, Laura Artesani on the organ and Mark Baker on the piano, soloists Carolyn, Laura, and Emily Walton Artesani, and Nora Dobbs' little voice leading us off with the first verse of *Once in Royal David's City*!... We also thank our readers of the nine lessons: Laura Artesani, Mark Baker, Mark Bilyk, Rachel Dobbs, Shelley Gilman, Joanne Harriman, Ben King, Judy Perkins Walker and Bill Walker!... And the children! Their service at 4:00 was filled with their music, and we are grateful for William, Neily, Nora and Emily on the



piano; for Jasper on the cello; for Eli on the trombone; for Cassidy and Katie on their flutes; for Eliza on the saxophone; and for Sarah on the trumpet! The Nativity

Readers were perfect: Jessie, Eli, Katie, George and Tucker! We thank the CUF Hospitality Team and so many in our congregation for their great Christmas cookies and here's to the Carter / Brazee Family for the Wassail Bowl!... I think two high points of the season were December 20th in worship with "angels" Darren, Dewey, Ben, Trey and Brian shouting "FEAR NOT!" and Eli, Tucker



and George adding another verse to their Wise Men Rap!... We are grateful to the Curtis/King Family for continuing their New Year's Eve Party tradition that Ted and Rose Marie started so many years ago! Mark Baker was grand on the piano and Sarah Marx led the singing with Darren Morgan and Stephen Burnham, so we greeted the new year in great style!... Paul and Joyce

Harris have now gone off to Florida and Dave Cox and Stephen Burnham will do the same in a few weeks!... Darren Morgan has just returned from a Florida visit to his mother!... We give a shout out to Lyn and Randy Adkins in Vero Beach, Florida, and to Betty Carr in California and John and Sue Swaim in Colorado!... We were happy to have Dorothy Griffin's sons Michael, David and Eric here with Dorothy--who still has the best tree lights in Orono!... And Wayne Hamilton's son was here as were Warren Black's parents from Alabama and Judy Perkins-Walker's mother from Texas and Brian McGill's parents from Baltimore and Travis Snell's parents from Caribou! And Johann von Hoffmann was here from NYC visiting his parents and two of Leah Vetelino's grandchildren were here from Florida!... We thank Mark Bilyk, Ed Brazee and Bob Gallant for moving Willow Divine to Searsport! We shall miss you, Willow!... All in all, it was a beautiful holiday season, and we lift our hearts to God in gratitude!... Happy New Year!

CUF welcomes new members!

Benjamin L. King

Lynn C. King

Mary Lee McIntosh

Diane R. Smith-Halkett

Alyssa Urquhart

Cards of love and encouragement to:

Alida Coates

17 Hamlin St., Orono, ME 04473

Lorraine Lick

44 Kelley Road, Orono, ME 04473

Leland Lowery

Meadowbrook, 9 Alumni Dr., Orono, ME 04473

Sandra Warner

86 Forest Ave., Orono ME 04473

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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?

December Challenge: *What CUF member is on the St. Joseph's Hospital Patient Advisory Board and also on the Board of the Maine Atlantic Salmon Museum?* **Answer: Claude Westfall!**

... from the Commissioned Minister

Welcome to 2016. I wish you a blessed new year, one filled with love, peace, joy and good health. I pray that this year will bring peace closer in our individual lives, our communities and in our world. It is already fourteen years that I was commissioned for ministry to older persons on January 6th. I have been ministering to residents and their families, even when I am not scheduled for work. I pray daily for healing of our country and for the world. I especially share words often attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, the first environmentalist, so familiar to many. This has been put to music, a simple tune which, whether sung or hummed, brings joy to the spirit. Let us hope, pray and do our part to bring peace in for troubled world wherever we are.

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where
there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt,
faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there
is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy.

"O divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek To be consoled as to console, To be
understood as to understand, To be loved as to
love; For it is in giving that we receive; It is in
pardoning that we are pardoned; It is in dying to
self that we are born to eternal life.

Thanks to everyone for your prayers. You are
each a blessing to me and in my prayers every
day.

Anne Borreggine, Commissioned for Ministry to
Older Persons

*THE SHELTER OF COMPASSION...If you have men who
will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of
compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal
likewise with their fellow men.*

(St Francis of Assisi)

All will be revealed at the Mystery Friends Party

Feb 28th

The final Mystery Friends party happens on Feb
28th in the Vestry after coffee hour. We will
gather in the Vestry for a potluck and celebration,
which will include much noise and merriment and
at which you will FINALLY learn the identity of
your mystery friend. The event is a potluck, so
please email Raechelle Edmiston-Cyr to let her
know 1) whether you will be in attendance (this is
very important, since if you are unable to attend
your mystery friend needs to be notified) and 2)
what you plan to bring to the potluck.
raechelle@raeleo.com or 866-1053.

CUF TABLE AT THE MLK BREAKFAST!

FOUR TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE! CONTACT THE CHURCH
OFFICE NOW!!

Have breakfast with Rev. Lorna?

The 2016 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast
Celebration co-sponsored by the Greater Bangor
NAACP and the University of Maine will be held 8:30-
10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 18, in the Wells Conference
Center, University of Maine. The event will celebrate
the life and legacy of King's service while offering
inspiration through diversity and social commitment.
The breakfast will feature food, music, The Wilson
Center Peace Prize recognition and keynote address
by Alison Beyea, Executive Director of the American
Civil Liberties Union of Maine. Tickets are \$20. Please
call the CUF office at 866-3655 to reserve your place
at the table

OWL 5th & 6th grade class starting in March

The 8th and 9th grade OWL class finished up on
Dec 20th with a final student session and a family
potluck. More than 60 people were in attendance
at the potluck and feedback from both youth and
parents was overwhelmingly positive about the
class. A big thanks to the volunteer teachers who
made the class possible. A big thanks to the
Board of Deacons, the Board of Trustees, and
everyone at CUF, for supporting this program
and funding the training needed in order to get
the program started! From here on the program
is self-supporting, funded by donations from the
families whose children attend.

The next OWL class for 5th and 6th graders
starts on March 6th. The class will meet on
Sunday afternoons from 4-6pm for a total of 8
weeks, except school vacation weeks. Teachers
will be Sarah Marx, Will Hunter and Rachel
Dobbs. If you have a 5th or 6th grader who would
like to attend the program or if you have
questions about the program please contact
Sarah Marx at smarxmcgill@gmail.com or 866-
8615. Please spread the word to others in the
community, as we will need youth from the
community to join us in order to have enough
students to run the class.

New Address:

Willow Divine
18 Union St

Searsport, ME 04974

Address Correction:

Russ Bodwell

Horizons, 29 Maurice Dr
Brunswick, ME 04011

January/February Gospel Lessons (Year C)

January 3: Matthew 2:1-12
 January 10: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
 January 17: John 2:1-11
 January 24: Luke 4:14-21
 January 31: Luke 4:21-30
 February 7: Luke 9:28-36
 February 14: Luke 4:1-13
 February 21: Luke 13:31-35
 February 28: Luke 13:1-9

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ADULT EDUCATION-SPRING 2016

<u>Jan. 10, Sunday at 12:10 pm in the Library:</u>	Workshop: <i>Personal Theology</i>	Host: Will Hunter
<u>Jan. 17, Sunday at 12:10 pm in the Library:</u>	Workshop: <i>Personal Theology</i>	Host: Will Hunter
<u>Jan. 31, Sunday at 12:10 pm in the Library:</u>	Workshop: <i>Personal Theology</i>	Host: Will Hunter
<u>Feb. 14, Sunday at 12:10 pm in the Library</u>	Seminar: <i>Ecology</i>	Host: Brian McGill
<u>Feb. 21, Sunday at 12:10 pm in the Library</u>	Seminar: <i>Ecology</i>	Host: Brian McGill
<u>Feb. 28, Sunday at 12:10 pm in the Library</u>	Seminar: <i>Ecology</i>	Host: Brian McGill
<u>March 6, Sunday at 12:10 pm in the Library</u>	Seminar: <i>Ecology</i>	Host: Brian McGill
<u>March 13, Sunday at 12:10 pm in the Library</u>	Seminar: <i>Ecology</i>	Host: Brian McGill
<u>March 20, Sunday at 12:10 pm in the Library</u>	Seminar: <i>Ecology</i>	Host: Brian McGill
<u>April 3, Sunday at 12:10 pm in the Library</u>	<i>Theology of Brian McLaren</i>	Host: Darren Morgan
<u>May 1, Sunday at 12:10 pm in the Library</u>	<i>Theology of Frederick Buechner</i>	Host: Will Hunter

Thank you to all who made the Advent Workshop a great success! About 35 people of all ages attended and enjoyed making wreaths, decorating cookies, creating ornaments and cutting out lots of snowflakes. Special thanks to Jon Hawley for getting the greens, Rick and Jill Gilman for allowing us to cut them, Eva Szillery for teaching Origami, Nancy Leavitt for the addictive snowflakes, and the fantastic cleanup crew: Dale Mitchell, the Ellis family, Johanna Szillery, Jules Hathaway, Jasper McGill and Sarah Marx.

CUF thanks the CORE students for helping put up and take down our beautiful Wyman Memorial Christmas Tree this year! Having these young people of the Center for Restorative Education here at our church on weekdays is a blessing! They always add a great deal!

**Did you ever wonder how all those things that happen at church are funded?
 Now is the time to find out!**

The CUF Trustees and Deacons cordially invite you to attend

The Transparent Budget Meeting

Friday, February 5th at 7 pm in the Gathering Place.
 Dessert and coffee will be served. All Welcome!

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The Church of Universal Fellowship

Annual Meeting and Soup Buffet Luncheon

February 7th immediately after worship in the Vestry. All Welcome!



HELP US HELP OTHERS!

YAWP is headed to New Orleans to rebuild houses for Hurricane Katrina victims!

Sponsor a foot, a leg, an arm, or a whole person and we'll be on our way to helping victims of Hurricane Katrina who are still rebuilding their homes.

Sponsor a student. Build a home. Change lives.

One hand- \$10.00	One Foot- \$10.00
One Arm- \$25.00	One Leg- \$25.00
Torso- \$50.00	Head- \$50.00
Whole Person: \$240.00	

Buy a whole person- get a hug from Xander Lanigan!

YAWP Pizza Sale

To benefit YAWP NOLA trip to rebuild houses for victims of Hurricane Katrina!

How it Works:

- 1) Place an order on Sunday, January 10 after worship!
- 2) We'll deliver a piping hot pizza into your hands at the end of church service on Sunday, Jan. 17th.

Cheese Pizza - \$13.00

One topping pizza - \$14.00

Two topping pizza - \$15.00

Topping Choices: Cheese, onions, black olives, green pepper, pepperoni

If you would like to place an order but are not going to be at church call Sam (802) 363-6924 or Cami (401) 274-6221

Friday Book Night 2016

7:00 pm Gathering Place All welcome!

Feb. 5, *Small Gods* by Terry Pratchett

Mar. 4, *Best Maine Stories* Edited by Phippen, Waugh, Greenberg

Apr. 1, *The Burgess Boys* by Elizabeth Strout

May 6, *The Absolutely True Diary of the Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie

State of Grace, Book Group 2016

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. All welcome!

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!



Library News

This month the library is featuring books and information about Islam. Materials may be checked out on the clipboard on the computer table.

Property Committee

The Property Committee is looking for new members. The work we do is important to continue to maintain our beautiful facilities—and the work is interesting and fun at the same time. If interested please contact the church office at 866-3655 or see John McCormack, Property Committee Chair.



Movie Night

January 29th at 6:30 pm in the MacKenzie Room

Delving deeply into the often misunderstood and frequently over looked historic realities of the American Indian, *The Canary Effect* follows the terrifying and horrific abuses instilled upon the Indigenous people of North America, and details the genocidal practices of the US government and its continuing affects on present day Indian country. Featuring interviews with the leading scholars and experts on Indian issues including controversial author Ward Churchill, the film brings together the past and present in a way never before captured so eloquently and boldly on film. Barbara Kates from Wabanaki Reach will facilitate a discussion of the movie at its conclusion. Barbara uses this movie in her work—training allies through Wabanaki Reach. Tea, coffee and popcorn provided. All welcome!

Alliance News

I received a “Thank You” call from Gina, the Activities Director at Orono Commons. Gina is very grateful for the gifts that you bought for her residents. She said that everyone was very generous and it was “ a huge help.” I am very pleased that we continue this project that Louise Libby started several years ago. Thank you to each of you that bought for a resident. We covered 30 residents without a single prompt necessary! *Judy Whitney*

Alliance Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, Noon

Gathering Place

We will enjoy soup and cornbread in addition to the usual dessert, coffee and tea. There is no agenda—just good food and chatter. **All Welcome!**

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

Service Group

Meets Tuesday, February 2nd from 9 to 11 am in the MacKenzie Room. No sewing skills necessary. New crafters welcome!