



# CHRIST CHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS



September 2, 2012  
*The Week Ahead...*



## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are glad you are here! Please sign the hospitality log in your pew. You are invited to fill out an information card from the pew rack and put it in the offering plate or hand it to the minister. Please join us after worship for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

### Helpful Information for Our Visitors:

- ❖ **All children are welcome** to stay with you through the service. Nursery care and multi-age Sunday School are available after the Children's Sermon.
- ❖ **Kids Got the Wiggles?** Children's activity bags are available in the basket at the back of the church. Please return the bags after the service.
- ❖ **Restrooms** are located off the hallway between Fellowship Hall and the steps up to the Sanctuary.
- ❖ **Please Silence** your cell phone during worship.

## GOT A PRAYER? NEED A PRAYER?

Please note any **Blissings** for which you wish to thank God and **Concerns** for which you would like prayers in the book on the table at the right entrance to the Sanctuary. If you are unable to use that entrance, an usher can bring the book to you. All items noted in the book will be included in the weekly Pastoral Prayer. There is a fresh page each week.

### Gathering for Prospective New Members Sunday, Sept. 9th 2:00-4:00 pm

Have you been thinking about making Christ Church your church home? Wondering what membership means? Thinking it would be good to find a community of faith? Wondering what it means to be part of Christ Church, which is both United Church of Christ and United Methodist? Do you have other questions, or would like to get to know others? Please join us for an informal gathering to learn more about Christ Church, get to know other folks, ask questions, and explore the meaning of membership. If you can attend, please contact the church office at [jkchristchurch@gwi.net](mailto:jkchristchurch@gwi.net), 985-4494. If you have any questions, please speak to Allison Smith, Joan Cowgill, or Leslie Zanella. Hope to see you there!

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sept.2</b>	9:00 am	Knitting Ministry
		<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>
		11:00 am	Coffee & Fellowship
		2:00 pm	Transition Team
		5:00 pm	Trumpet & Piano at the Colony Hotel
		6:00 pm	NA
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Sept.3</b>	<b>Labor Day</b>	Office closed
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sept. 9</b>	9:00 am	Knitting Ministry
		<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>
		11:00 am	Coffee & Fellowship
		2:00 pm	Prospective New Members Gathering
		2:00 pm	Acton Congregational Abby Lynn Haskell
		3:30 pm	Benefit Concert First Congregational
		6:00 pm	NA



**TODAY** our Music Director, **Warren King**, will present the last of this summer's concerts at the Colony Hotel, at 140 Ocean Ave, Kennebunkport, from **5:00 - 6:00** in the Grand Dining Room. He will be accompanying trumpeter **Thomas Kremser**, who has played for us here on festal days, in a concert of both classical music and some 20<sup>th</sup> century favorites.

### **I Got Shoes, You Got Shoes, ALL God's Children Need Shoes!**

The Missions Committee thanks the many people who gave so generously to Caring Unlimited's Sneaker Project for children going back to school. These children are staying in Caring Unlimited's shelters for victims of domestic violence, and we raised **\$373** for them!



**Christ Church Fall Rummage Sale** is scheduled for **Saturday, October 13!** Please start setting aside your donations of books, fall & winter clothing, shoes, linens, attic treasures, toys, sporting goods and other household items. All items should be clean, pressed and in useable condition. Electrical appliances must be in good working order. If possible, please presort your "stuff" into bags or boxes of women's, men's, children's clothing, linens, books, or yard sale items.

For pastoral care, contact **Rev. Allison Smith**, 841-0691, [interimpastor@gwi.net](mailto:interimpastor@gwi.net)

We offer our most sincere condolences to Rev. Allison, on the passing of her father, Ralph Smith, August 24, in Florida.



Long-time friend of Christ Church, Janet Harter, who drew the view through a window of Christ Church that was often on our bulletin covers, passed away August 5 at the age of 85. Memorial arrangements have not yet been made.

She lived with her sister, Gretchen

Connolly, at 9 Penwood Drive, Kennebunk 04043, who would surely appreciate condolence cards.

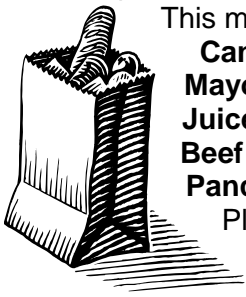
### Church Community Outreach Services Produce Pantry

The CCOS Produce Pantry is open **Fridays at 1:00 p.m.** in the kitchen at St. Martha's Church, 34 Portland Rd, Kennebunk, at the white door on the south side. There usually is a selection of fresh vegetables and fruit, breads and pastries, and some deli products. All are welcome!

This month, there is a need especially for:

- Canned fruit**
- Mayonnaise**
- Juice**
- Beef stew**
- Pancake syrup**

Please drop off your donations in our Vestry, the room next to the church office. Many thanks to all who give!



The women of Christ Church have planned a fun and enjoyable programs of crafts, social events, and informational programs for the coming year. A schedule is posted in the Fellowship Hall, and will be available on our website, [www.christchurchkennebunk.org](http://www.christchurchkennebunk.org)

### UCC Learning Event and Fall Book Study

The Maine Conference, UCC, is sponsoring a lecture series by eminent scholar, **Marcus Borg**, on **October 19 & 20** at the University of Southern Maine. He will speak on "An Emerging Form of Christianity Today" and "Being a Christian in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." Dr. Borg is Canon Theologian at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, OR, and the author of twenty-one books, including a couple of bestsellers. More information is available at [www.maineucc.org/FLE](http://www.maineucc.org/FLE). In anticipation of Dr Borg's visit to Maine, Dick Thompson is generously offering to conduct a book study similar to the one he did on Walter Brueggemann. This time the study will be on "Embracing an Adult Faith -- Marcus Borg on What it Means to Be Christian", DVD and Study Guide. If you are interested in joining a group to study and learn from this scholar described by *The New York Times* as, "a leading figure in his generation of Jesus scholars," please contact the office at **985-4494**, [jkchirstchurch@gwi.net](mailto:jkchirstchurch@gwi.net) or speak to Dick Thompson, **985-6469**, [dickthompson123@gmail.com](mailto:dickthompson123@gmail.com).

**Exeter United Methodist Church**, at 307 Epping Road (Rte 27), is holding an informational meeting for people who would like to start a Cancer Prayer & Support Group in their own area on **Wednesday, Sept. 5**, at **6:30 pm**. For more information, call (603)772-6625 or (603) 642-5720.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Saco Bay Physical Therapy Cure for Breast Cancer 5K Race & 2K Walk

**Saturday, September 8** -- call Erin Cannon **347-3030**



**Bible Study** will resume **Tuesday, September 11**, from **10-11:30 AM** at the church. All Bible versions are welcome, as are those who are not members of Christ Church. The facilitator is Rev. Jim Anderson. This fall, the group will be investigating the Book of Psalms, the hymn book of the Temple in Jerusalem. Each participant is invited to identify the particular Psalm, or portion of a Psalm, which holds the most meaning for them. The first few sessions will explore the identified scripture.



### BENEFIT CONCERT

First Congregational Church is sponsoring a benefit concert **Sunday, September 9**, at **3:30 pm**. The **Sharon Concert Group**, a 50-piece orchestra, will perform an outdoor concert at **Consolidated School**. All donations from the concert go to the **Wounded Warrior Project**.

### *Choir Returns*



Rehearsals begin

**Thursday, September 13, 7:15 pm.**

All are welcome!

### *Women's Autumn Weekend at Pilgrim Lodge September 14 – 16, 2012*

#### **A low-key women's weekend**

Give yourself the gift of a weekend at Pilgrim Lodge to rest. This time apart will be very gentle... lots of choices, no requirements, and all blessed by the Spirit. Deans: Anne Hodgman & Deborah Breault. Register at [www.pilgrimlodge.org](http://www.pilgrimlodge.org)

### TRANSITION TEAM

The Transition Team continues to meet to plan for the calling of a settled pastor. A detailed report of their work thus far can be found in the Annual Report.

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If you feel that you have input for the transition team that you have not had the opportunity to share, please contact Jim Anderson.