

From the Pastor

August, 2023

Dear Beacon of Hope Cooperative Parish,

It is July 17th as I write this greeting for our August Newsletter, "The Beacon". We are now fully into our Half-Time Model for Pastoral Ministry. I want to thank our leadership as well as our parishioners for their flexibility and grace. Thank you to all who are leading our services with messages, prayer, and praise. Thank you to our generous givers who share their financial gifts with the church. Thank you to all who participate and strive for deeper connection and fellowship.

I am reminded of the first century churches. House churches with new converts working, eating, and living together in community. They had a sustained hope and a vision for the future. Churches were planted and nurtured by the sharing of the gifts of the people. They grew in faith, as they broke bread together, fasted, prayed, and sang hymns of joy and triumph. These early churches struggled, but they also took root and thrived. As we strive to build our Cooperative Parish, we need to find strength and energy in the example that these believers modeled for us. Praise God that we have such a communion of saints to admire and emulate. As we begin to close out summer, may we have renewed hope for a bright future. May we continue to build on the foundation of our shared scripture, experience, reason, and traditions. Summer was a time to re-center ourselves, and begin our journey anew in so many ways.

I give thanks for the relationship we have with God and with each other. I count our many blessings as individuals and as a church. May God continue to walk with us in relationship through Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit.. I hope this Newsletter finds you and your family in amazing health, joy, and contentment. Thank you for being part of this journey with me.

Peace and Blessings,

Rev. Ed



Hi everyone,

It's been quite a busy couple of weeks settling into my new routine of working in two offices! I'm enjoying getting to work with some new people at Goodwins Mills UMC and learning my way around the inside of a new church. I'm so thankful the Ad Council approved an air conditioner in the office, because what a difference! It's a lot more comfortable now. My husband Chris and son Matthew installed it for me.

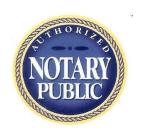
I wanted to remind everyone that I'm a Notary so if anyone needs something notarized give me a call and I'll be happy to take care of it for you in the church office. Just let me know the day before so I can make sure to have my supplies with me.

I hope everyone is having a great summer now that it's finally stopped raining everyday (oops, I hope I don't jinx anything).

Feel free to call or stop by if you need anything. Just as a reminder, I'm at Goodwins Mills UMC Mondays and Tuesdays from 9-1 and Christ Church in Kennebunk Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-1. Even though Christ Church is no longer having services the office will remain open until the building sells.

Take care,

Sandy Farrar





Sandy Farrar—3

Jackie Sewall—16

Rev. Mark Arbisi—5

Barbara Miller—18

Patti Graham—9

Clem Meserve—18

Pastor Sue Ellery—13

Marc Smith—20

Sheila Moody—16

Dave Stearns—23



If we don't have your birthday or anniversary on file please leave a note or email for Sandy Farrar at goodwinsmillsumc@gmail.com and we will get our records up to date. Thank you.



Let's sing in choir again!

All are welcome!

Choir rehearsals are held **Fridays at 11:00 a.m.** and **Sundays at 8:30 a.m. at the West Kennebunk UMC, 160 Alfred Rd in Kennebunk**. Any questions, contact Susan Heafield:

heafield.susan@gmail.com or 207-502-7402.



Below are the names of people or situations from the Beacon of Hope Cooperative Parish that need your prayers. To add or remove names on the list, please contact Sandy Farrar before the 20th of the month at gmumc@gmail.com

Pam Boyden

Baby Miracle Chapman

Cory, Liam & Maverick

Lisa Dufour (Ruth Morrison's sister-in-law)

Kevin Hickey

Bethany Hickey (wife)

Kevin & Kelen Hickey (sons)

Jessica & Family

Connor Johnson (West Kennebunk)

Barbara Lawson

Marcia Lawson

Lettie Lemay

Cathy Mullen (Margie Lord's sister-in-law)

Ed Philbrook

Matthew Philbrook

Stephen Raynolds

Roy & Derrick

Pattie Vigue

Dick Cadmus

Joanna Brown

David Harriman & family (Sandy Farrar's cousin)

Helena called and asked to be put on the prayer list along with her daughter, Laura, and friends:

Kathy & husband, John, Chris, Linda, Gloria, Patty, Everett, Donna, Michelle, Steve, Gail,

Cindy & Maureen.

Thanks for the many blessings we have received and for this church family.

Please also keep our Bishop Rev. Peggy Johnson, our District Superintendent, Rev. Arlene Tully and our pastor Rev. Ed Bove and family in your prayers.

CALL ON HIS NAME





United Methodist Credit Union

www.umfcu.org

If you are a United Methodist in New England, you are able to join the United Methodist Federal Credit Union. The link is posted above.

Many services are available, and an ATM card is available. Please check out the link to see if it's something you might want to do. It might even be a place where you could start a savings ac-



The Beacon of Hope supports both the <u>York County Food Pantry</u> in Alfred and <u>Community Outreach Services</u> (COS) in Kennebunk. They are always in need of supplies. Please consider giving weekly to these causes. Donations can be brought to the West Kennebunk UMC and/or Goodwins Mills UMC any Sunday.

You or someone you know could be in need. Please always feel free to reach out for help.

Here are some suggestions:



- Any canned meats, poultry, and fish (tuna, especially)
- Muffin, Brownie, Cake or Cornbread Mixes
- Fruit & Vegetables (canned)
- Hamburger or Tuna Helper (type meals)
- Peanut butter
- Jelly and jam
- Juices and bottles of water
- Saltine crackers, granola bars, chips
- Cereals (preferably non or low sugar, hot or cold)
- Oatmeal (packets or container)
- Macaroni & Cheese (boxed)
- Pancake/waffle Mix
- Pasta & Meals in a can (Ravioli, Spaghetti, etc.)
- Pet Food (canned or dried) and treats
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Toilet Tissue, napkins and tissues
- Shaving Cream & soap (bars & liquid)
- Paper Towels
- Feminine Products
- Deodorant
- Laundry & dish soap

Church Mailing Addresses:

West Kennebunk UMC, P.O. Box 532, 160 Alfred Road, West Kennebunk, ME 04094

Christ Church, P.O. Box 87, Kennebunk, ME 04043

Goodwins Mills UMC, 55 Church Street, Lyman, ME 04002



If anyone is looking for addresses for members, non-members, people who no longer attend or anyone not in the directory, please call or email Sandy.

You are invited to a

scheduled Zoom meeting.



Topic: HeartSource meeting

Time: Tuesdays at 03:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

- 1. Go to Zoom.us
- 2. Click "Join a meeting" near top
- 3. Enter meeting ID 899 5832 2582 and passcode 182150 click "join."
- 4. Click "Leave Meeting" when finished







Join us on August 5th

West Kennebunk Family Fun Day

for a

Pancake Breakfast

Pancakes, Sausage, Juice, Coffee, Tea, Chocolate Milk

8:00 - 10:30

Sponsored by

West Kennebunk United Methodist Church

LOOK FOR US ON-LINE!!

Our Parish Website

www.beaconofhopecooperativeparish.org

Our FACEBOOK page

www.facebook.com/West-Kennebunk-UMC-10813883152242



The New England Conference Website

www.neumc.org

Mission Project Proposal - Help for the Homeless

And Jesus says. To him, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the heaven have nests, but the Son of Man does not have a place to lay His head." - Matthew 8:20

Opportunity Alliance is a social services agency providing approximately 50 integrated community based and clinical programs serving more than 20,000 people in Maine. It is supported by grants and by private donations. **Becky Smart** is the one and only "outreach case manager" for the PATH program for the entirety of York County. PATH (Project for Assistance to Transition from Homelessness) is a federal program with branches in all 50 states.

Per Becky, homelessness is pervasive and people are dying from lack of housing, even here in the Kennebunk and Wells area, not just because of the weather, but because they can't obtain food, medicine or medical care they need. The homeless don't always look derelict or keep their belongings in shopping carts, so we often don't recognize their situation when we see them. People are considered eligible for the PATH program if they have been unsheltered for 14 or more days, are in unstable housing, are couch surfing, and do not have other services in place. Becky's first job is to get medical assistance for her clients and then to hook them up with other services for which they may be eligible, such as veterans programs, substance abuse programs, mental health services, and anything else that might be helpful.

Becky is meant to have 20 unsheltered clients at any one time and there is a waiting list for her services. In reality, people on the streets often ask her for help for their friends and she doesn't refuse anyone. She actually has a list of more than 55 unsheltered people in York County that she helps on at least an intermittent basis. Her supervisor has an office in Biddeford, but Becky is based in her home and keeps materials to be donated in her basement, although most items don't last very long. The 25 warming kits we donated during the winter were gone in a few minutes.

The number one item that clients ask for are socks. She would love it if we could do a sock drive and get new socks for her to hand out. Below is a list of other items that are frequently requested:

Flashlights and batteries Hygiene items (soap, shampoo, deodorant)

Duncan Donuts gift cards (any amount) Toilet paper

Men's size 10-13 sneakers or work boots

Sleeping bags and Tents

Women's size 8-10 sneakers

Tshirts, shorts, sweats-both genders sizes M/L/XL

New underwear for both genders (any style) Backpacks & camping equipment (cooking, etc.)

(People living on the street tend to be small from food insecurity - homeless people 55 years and older frequently live in their cars and tend to be larger (XXL and 3X) but have a safer place to store their belongings and therefore have more clothing available.)

Given that Becky has a nearly solo mission of supporting the unhoused in our midst, I would like to propose that Beacon of Hope "adopt" her clients as our mission project. If we are able to collect needed items on an ongoing basis, I will collect them monthly and see that Becky gets them to pass on to her clients. I think the best thing would be to collect the items at whichever church we are meeting through each month and I will gather them up on the last Sunday of the month.

This is identified as a great need right here in our community. Remember that what we give to the unhoused is a gift to Jesus himself, who, like them, had no place to lay His head, and we will want to give the best we can.

Sincerely, Barbara Miller

Our Outreach Missions



Our Food Baskets in the Sanctuary and ready to be filled!!

Non-Perishable Food items and Personal Care items can be brought to church on Sunday morning and left in the baskets behind the back pews. Each week donations are brought to the food pantry or COS.

You may also send a donation:

York County Shelters Food Pantry. You can mail a check to York County Shelter Programs, 24 George Rd, Alfred, ME 04002, Attn: Pam...please write "food pantry" on the memo line of your check.

Community Outreach Services (COS), which supports Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Arundel. You can mail a check payable to COS to PO Box 1175, Kennebunk, ME 04043...again, please write "food pantry" on the memo line of your check.



UNITED METHODIST ECONOMIC MINISTRY

Check them out at

<u>www.umeconomicministry.com</u> or <u>United Methodist Economic Ministry</u> on Facebook

Non-perishable food items and clean gently used clothing and household items may be left in our Missions Loft (the old choir loft) at any time.

FMI: contact Alayna (632-7599) or Beverly (809-9268).

Remember we can help this Ministry at any time without leaving home!

Bottom of Form To donate by mail, send your check to **United Methodist Economic Ministry**, 1458 Salem Road, Salem Township, Maine 04983

Thank YOU for Your Support!

Special thanks to Beverly Staples from West Kennebunk UMC and Betty Schofield from Christ Church for delivering donations several times a year!

BOH CALENDAR AUGUST, 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
10:00am Final Worship w/Zoom at Christ Church	9:00-1:00pm GM Office Open 1:30-3:30pm Village Ringers Rehearsal at CC	9:00-1:00pm GM Office Open 3:30 pm Heart- Source Meeting via Zoom	9:00-1:00pm CC Office Open 6:00pm BoH combined SPRC meeting at GM	9:00-1:00pm CC Office Open 5:15-7:00pm TOPS in FH at GM	Office CLOSED 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal at WK	8-10:30am Pancake breakfast at WK Pdhcdke Bredkfast
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