



February, 2024

Dear Beacon of Hope Cooperative Parish,

February 14th marks a few events in our calendar. It is the date the UMC Conference Statistics are due. The statistical reports submitted to our Conference Statistician, Joy Mueller, help the conference identify trends in membership, ministry, and stewardship. They are a great barometer of how all of our churches are doing. February 14th is also Valentine's Day. A day to show the ones we love our appreciation. Ash Wednesday this year will also be on February 14th. This is the threshold into our 40 day Lenten Season as we journey towards Easter. In Lent we will focus on providing wonderful worship opportunities.

In our churches the New Coordinating Committee has had a couple of meetings and is working with the Wesley Development Group to better understand potential uses of our buildings, as well as get a much better sense of how the church can serve the communities we find ourselves in. I would like to explain to all members that the Coordinating Committee is empowered by our Memorandum of Understanding (set up by our DS Arlene Tully and voted on by our leadership) to be the decision making body of our Cooperative Parish. This committee has equal church representation with three members from each church. These decisions are based on consultations with our Cabinet and Administrative Councils. The members of the Coordinating Committee are: Greg Hammond, Jamie Lowery and Norm Boulay, Susan Heafield, Beverly Heald, Barb Miller, and Greg Violette, Michelle Violette, and Jesse Jean. Nancy Bischoff helps facilitate conversation and of course I sit in on the meetings. I am very grateful for the parishioners who have stepped up into this leadership role.

As we approach Lent, may we recommit ourselves to growing deeper in our faith. May we learn better how to celebrate each other, and work together towards the future God is calling us into. May we continue to make every attempt to communicate respectfully with each other. May this Newsletter find you well.

I wish you peace and blessings,

Rev. Ed



CLYNK bags are located in the entry way. Please take one with you. Thank you!

If you would like a CLYNK bag or two mailed to you please let Sandy know. You can either send an email to goodwinsmillsumc@gmail.com or call the church office, 499-7438.

Your Environmental Impact

Every container you recycle helps the planet. Here are some of the good things you have done since you started using CLYNK.

Volume



You have diverted enough containers to fill 70.5 lobster traps.

Energy



You have saved enough energy to light 8.9 lightbulbs -- 24 hours a day -- for a year.

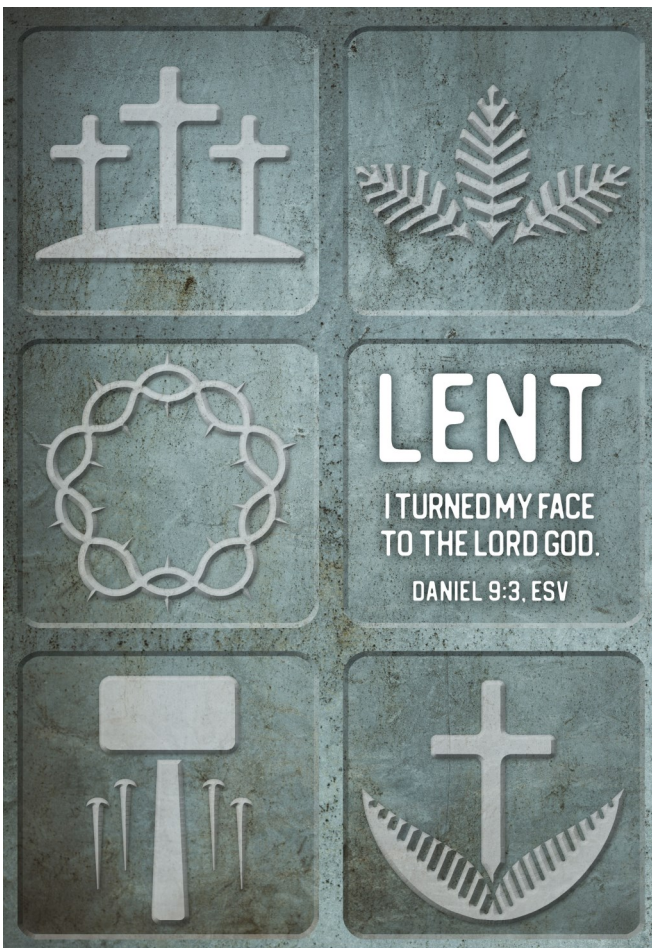
Emissions



You have saved the emissions equivalent of driving your car 1,691 miles.



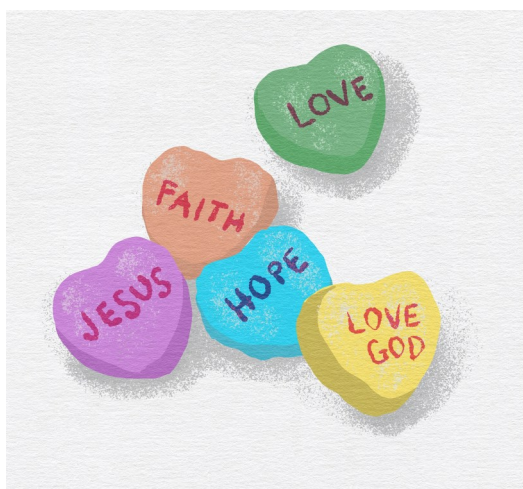
Overflowing With Thanks



There has been some confusion about pledges and donations made to the church. Even though we call ourselves the Beacon of Hope Parish, the 3 churches keep their finances separate. **All checks should be made out to the individual church and sent to 55 Church Street, Lyman, ME 04002, and not to Beacon of Hope.** There is a Beacon of Hope checking account that is separate for paying the pastor and administrative assistant as well as parsonage utilities and other expenses. Each church puts money into this account regularly to pay those expenses. If a check intended for Christ Church is made out to Beacon of Hope, it cannot be deposited to the Christ Church account. It would need to be deposited by the BOH treasurer and a check made out to Christ Church to be deposited later. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy at 207-499-7438.



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Don't Forget our **Super Senior Gathering!**

We meet at WKUMC on Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 every other week.

In February, our meetings will be the 6th and 20th.

Some folks just sit and chat, others knit/crochet, play a board or card game or work on a craft. It's mainly a time to "get out of the house" and visit with others.

We'd love to have you join us!

FMI: Contact Beverly (207) 809-9268

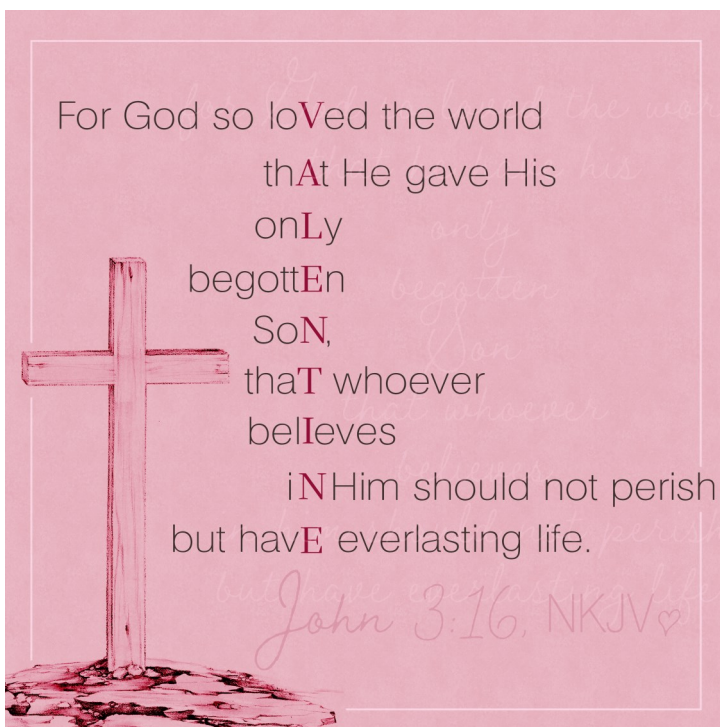


Hamlet: To Be or Not to Be – That is the Question

I was reminded, hearing the quote from Shakespeare, of a 1999 piece written by William R. Phillippe in his book: A Stewardship Scrapbook. “With Apologies To William Shakespeare...

To pledge or not to pledge – that is the question
Whether’ tis nobler in a man
To take the gospel free and let another foot the bill,
Or sign a pledge and pay toward church expenses!
To give, to pay – aye, there’s the rub. To Pay,
When on the free pew plan, a man may have
A sitting free and take the gospel too,
As though he paid, and none be aught the wiser.
To err is human, and human too to buy
At cheapest rate. I’ll take the gospel so!
For others do the same – a common rule!
I’m wise. I’ll wait, not work – I’ll pray, not pay.
And let the other fellow foot the bills,
And so I’ll get the gospel free, you see!
But there is no cheap grace –
It cost God his son.”

Written by Gary Melville





Karl Clapp—2

Pat Desharnais—16

Mikayla Moisan—5

Dan Moisan—18

Gail Preble—5

Betty Jordan—25



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

Dave & Anne Stearns—14

Happy
ANNIVERSARY



We'd **REALLY** like to see you in person on Sunday Mornings!

Let's sing in choir again!

All are welcome!

For the month of January, Beacon of Hope Choir rehearsals are held **Fridays at 11:00 a.m. at the West Kennebunk UMC, 160 Alfred Road, West Kennebunk**. Any questions, contact Susan Heafield: at heafield.susan@gmail.com or 207-502-7402.



The choir will sing at
West Kennebunk UMC every
Sunday in January!





CONNECTED BY LOVE

God's Word is filled with messages about love,
which connects us to God and to one another.

*Directions: Draw a line from the beginning of each Bible verse
(on the left side) through the heart to the rest of the verse
(on the right side). Use the Scripture references for help.*

- a. We
- b. Above all,
- c. My command
is this:
- d. And over all
these virtues
put on
- e. Greater
- f. See what
great
- g. There is
no fear in



- 1. each other as I have
loved you. John 15:12
- 2. has no one than this: to
lay down one's life for
one's friends. John 15:13
- 3. But perfect love drives
out fear. 1 John 4:18
- 4. each other deeply,
because love covers
over a multitude of sins.
1 Peter 4:8
- 5. the Father has lavished
on us, that we should
be called children of
God! 1 John 3:1
- 6. because he first loved
us. 1 John 4:19
- 7. which binds them all
together in perfect
unity. Colossians 3:14

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR Prayers

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)

Herbie Nutting

Laurie Thompson

Ed Philbrook

Dick Cadmus

Joanna Brown

David Harriman (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.

Matthew Philbrook

Stephen Raynolds

Roy & Derrick

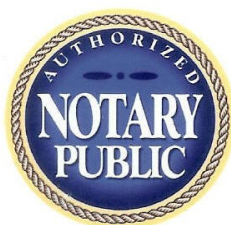
Pattie Vigue

Sharon Crippen



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.



Reminder that notary services are available at the church! Please contact Sandy Farrar, Office Administrator, during regular office hours if you're in need of a notary.

BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment. Care for the poor.
Forgive often. Reject racism.
Fight for the powerless.
Share earthly and spiritual resources.
Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.

For Pastoral Care

Please Contact

Rev. Ed Bove

(401) 525-6866 or

revbove@gmail.com



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 account for vacations or other projects! \$ \$ \$ \$ \$



The Beacon of Hope supports both the York County Food Pantry in Alfred and Community Outreach Services (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, c/o Goodwins Mills UMC, 55 Church Street, Lyman, ME 04002

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

You are invited to BOH scheduled Zoom meetings.

Topic: **HeartSource meeting**

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



1. Go to [Zoom.us](https://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

GRACE, *mercy* and
PEACE from *God* the Father
and from
Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,
will be with us in
truth and love.

2 John 1:3, NIV



Bible Quiz



Use one word (perhaps in different forms) for all the blanks to complete this Scripture passage:

"Dear friends, let us ____ one another, for ____ comes from God. Everyone who ____ has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not ____ does not know God, because God is ____."

- A. believe
- B. help
- C. love
- D. forgive



Betty Jordan

50 New Portland Road,
Apt C-116

Gorham, ME 04038

Christ Church

Federated

Goodwins Mills UMC

West Kennebunk UMC

Answer: C (See 1 John 4:7-8, NIV)

BEACON OF HOPE CALENDAR FEBRUARY, 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 10:00 am Worship service GMUMC with Zoom	29 9:00-1:00pm GM Office 3:30 pm Heart- Source Meeting via Zoom	30 9:00-1:00pm GM Office Open	31 9:00-1:00pm GM Office Open	1 9:00-1:00pm GM Office Open 5:15-7:00pm TOPS in FH at GM	2 Office CLOSED 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal at WKUMC 	3
4 8:30am Men's Club at GM 10:00 am Communion service WKUMC with Zoom	5 9:00-1:00pm GM Office Open 3:30 pm Heart- Source Meeting	6 9:00-1:00pm GM Office Open Super Sr Gath- ering 1-3 WK	7 9:00-1:00pm GM Office Open	8 9:00-1:00pm GM Office Open 5:15-7:00pm TOPS in FH at GM	9 Office CLOSED 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal at WKUMC	10
11 10:00 am Worship service GMUMC with Zoom	12 9:00-1:00pm GM Office Open 3:30 pm Heart- Source Meeting via Zoom	13 9:00-1:00pm GM Office Open 6:00pm CC Cabinet meet- ing on Zoom	14 9:00-1:00pm GM Office Open Imposition of Ashes at WK w/ Pastor Norm Bouley 10:00am 	15 9:00-1:00pm GM Office Open 5:15-7:00pm TOPS in FH at GM	16 Office CLOSED 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal at WKUMC	17
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