



New Year's Message
FROM THE PASTOR

January, 2024

Dear Beacon of Hope Cooperative Parish,

It is my hope and prayer that 2024 brings many blessings and wonderful surprises. We have formed the new Beacon of Hope Coordinating Committee and they are working with the Wesley Development Group, so that we can continue to discern how to move our Cooperative Parish forward. I am grateful that this work involves so many talented and committed people. In 2024 we need to think outside of the box, and see the possibilities of being together as a Parish. I do believe that God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, is calling us to reshape our ministries, in order to increase cohesiveness between our parishioners, as well as be more relevant in the communities we serve. I believe that the combined rotational worship service at 10am will help to bring us together, and be an enhancement to gaining momentum in our worship experience. I believe the new schedule is a very good thing for all of us and will lead to growth for our Church.

In 2024 we will have to make bold decisions so that we can live into the discerned vision of our church. We all need to be in prayer at this time. I pray our path is made clear by God's gentle leading. I encourage all of us to look at the possibilities that will be manifested as we reshape our future and our church. If we do this work with open minds and open hearts, we will move forward with certainty and conviction.

I give thanks that I am your Pastor in these times of discovery and vision. I am so proud of the work that all of you have done and continue to do to make our Cooperative Parish successful. We have dedicated leadership, including our Office Manager Sandy Farrar who works tirelessly on our behalf. Thank you Sandy!

I pray that this Newsletter finds you and your family well. May you know God's deep abiding presence through Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.

*This really works! Last month we got **\$111** from our CLYNK account!*



All-Church Potluck

Sunday, January 14th

Come enjoy a Beacon of Hope family potluck!

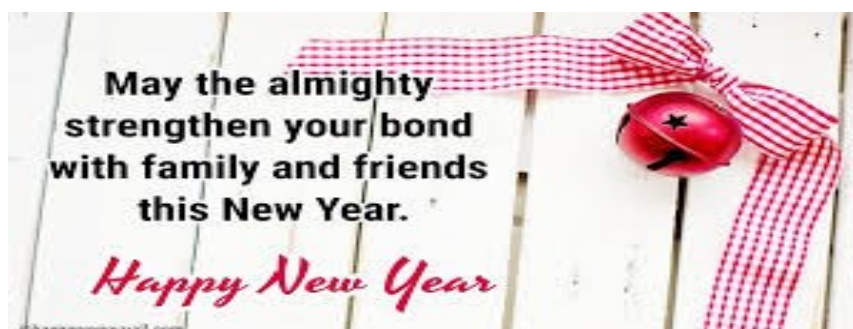
Goodwins Mills UMC, Friendship Hall at Noon

Thank you so much for your toy donations last month! They were picked up and distributed to kids in our local area in time for Christmas. Toys for Toys in Sanford helped over 1,600 families and over 4,000 kids this year! It was my pleasure to volunteer a couple of days registering parents that came in to collect gifts for their kids.

Sandy Farrar



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.



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

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

In January, our meetings will be the 9th and 23rd.

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





What is HeartSource?



Participants say:

“HeartSource is a community of believers focused on enhancing worship through illuminating Scriptures.”
Beverly

“HeartSource is a loosely gathered group of people who create collaboratively from heartfelt belief, enhancements to make worship joyful and more meaningful. To me, our common source of belief in Christ's love, allows us to respectfully interact despite our individual differences and to care about each other.”
Liz

“A community that gathers to share gifts, talents, and inspirations to develop scripture based projects to support and enhance Sunday worship.”
Suzanne

“Just as Jesus meets us where we are in our journey of faith, Heart Source is striving to make the Word and messages alive & relevant in another way to reach people where they are.”
Michelle

“HeartSource, to me, is an opportunity to look deeply into scripture to understand what it meant in the time and culture in which it was written, but also how it applies to our lives in our time and culture, which is sometimes not the same thing. Then it is a way of communicating that understanding to the congregation during worship by using spoken, written and artistic expression to make it more intellectually and emotionally meaningful than just hearing the same scripture readings we have all heard over and over again for most of our lives.”
Barb

“HEARTSOURCE is an opportunity for anyone who enjoys creating for worship. All forms of art, music, drama, liturgy, poetry, movement, and new ideas are included as possibilities. What is used comes out of reading chosen scripture, conversing and hearing ideas that come from the participants through this process. It is a powerful example of the Holy Spirit working among us!”
Susan

Collective definition:

Beacon of Hope's HeartSource is a group of believers who respectfully interact in conversation through deeper study of scripture, making the Word alive and relevant by sharing gifts, talents, and inspirations to the worshiping community.



Faith Johnston—1

Tom Blow—3

Beverly Heald—3

Anne (Drouin) Stearns—3

Sally Valdatta—6

Ben Harris—16

Joe Davis—16

Meggie Boislard—17

Barbara Pillsbury—18

Dixie Harris—20



Joey Davis—1

Michelle Violette—2

Marcia Lawson—5

Charlene Philbrook—17

Bill Harris—17

Bill Thompson—21

Lauren Boislard—30

Arelle Harris—31



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 Goodwins Mills UMC, 55 Church Street, Lyman**. Any questions, contact Susan Heafield: at heafield.susan@gmail.com or 207-502-7402.



The choir will sing at
Goodwins Mills UMC every
Sunday in January!





HAPPY NEW YOU!

Changing the calendar each January is a reminder that God makes all things new.

Directions: Use the clues and the calendar code to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV.

JANUARY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	God	night	word	in	love	Jesus
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
glory	therefore	speak	give	light	Christ	a
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
saw	beginning	anyone	waters	help	is	many
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
he	again	through	earth	made	while	back
28	29	30	31			
new	if	and	creation			

The second Monday _ _ _ _ _

The last Monday _ _

The 16th _ _ _ _ _

One day before the 20th _ _

The day before the first Friday _ _

The last weekday of the second week _ _ _ _ _

The day after the 20th _ _

The day after 18th _ _

The first day of the second weekend _

The last Sunday _ _ _

The last day of the month _ _ _ _ _

Answers: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

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

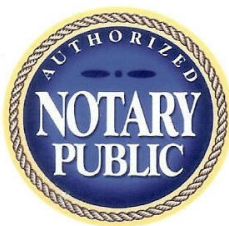
Pam Boyden
Baby Miracle Chapman
Cory, Liam & Maverick
Lisa Dufour (Ruth Morrison's sister-in-law)
Kevin Hickey
Bethany Hickey (wife)
Kevin & Kelen Hickey (sons)
Jessica & Family
Connor Johnson (West Kennebunk)
Barbara Lawson
Marcia Lawson
Lettie Lemay
Cathy Mullen (Margie Lord's sister-in-law)

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



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, please call or email Sandy.

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

Christ Church Federated

Goodwins Mills UMC

West Kennebunk UMC



BEACON OF HOPE CALENDAR JANUARY, 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 	1 9:00-1:00pm GM Office Closed for Holiday	2 9:00-1:00pm GM Office Open 3:30 pm Heart- Source Meeting via Zoom	3 9:00-1:00pm GM Office Open	4 9:00-1:00pm GM Office Open 5:15-7:00pm TOPS in FH at GM	5 Office CLOSED 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal at GMUMC	6
7 8:30am Men's Club at GM 10:00 am Communion service GMUMC with Zoom 	8 9:00-1:00pm GM Office Open	9 9:00-1:00pm GM Office Open Super Sr Gath- ering 1-3 WK 3:30 pm Heart- Source Meeting	10 9:00-1:00pm GM Office Open	11 9:00-1:00pm GM Office Open 5:15-7:00pm TOPS in FH at GM	12 Office CLOSED 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal at GMUMC	13
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