



From the Pastor

September, 2023

Dear Beacon of Hope Cooperative Parish Members and Friends,

September brings new beginnings. The children start another school year. The church ends its "summer" activities and the unofficial Church Year Starts. This September we continue to learn about each other. Yes- after three years together we are still learning. We are always building the relationship between our three churches, and their members. Communication through Newsletters, You-Tube Videos, personal conversations, and email is crucial. Communication has not been perfect. Sometimes we announce something prematurely or in error. I apologize for that. In September we will be working on having accurate communication. What are your hopes for this new church year? Is God calling you to get involved in a new and different way? Do you have an idea for a fundraiser or event that the church could put on? How will you be invitational to your friends and neighbors (the most effective way to bring in new people has ALWAYS been through a personal INVITATION to a worship service or event).

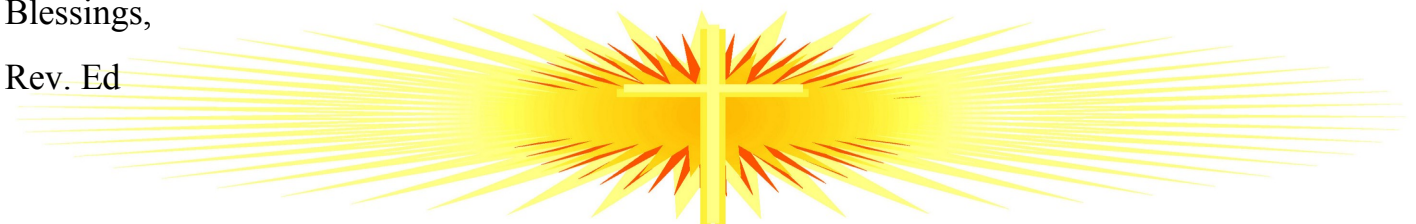
In September I encourage us to have a spirit of New Beginnings. Let's once again start fresh with new ideas, new dreams, and renewed commitment. Our greatest blessing is each other and our relationship with God through Christ. As we face this new year, may we hold each other in care. May we be in prayer for each other, our communities, and the world.

Thank you for being part of the Beacon of Hope Cooperative Parish. Thank you to all of our dedicated leaders for keeping us focused. Thank you to our Office Administrator Sandy for her willingness to work with all of us. Thank you to all of our parishioners and friends for being in worship and present at events. All of you are important and your presence in the church is VITAL.

I wish all of you a Happy New Church Year!

Blessings,

Rev. Ed



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.*

Bible Quiz

Who was Moses' father-in-law, and what was his occupation?

- A. Joshua; shepherd
- B. Miriam; tentmaker
- C. Aaron; farmer
- D. Jethro; priest



Answer: D (See Exodus 3:1.)



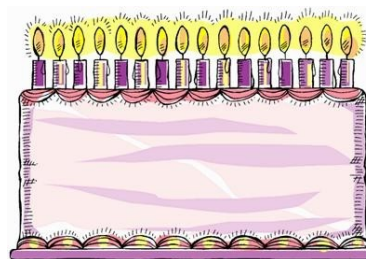
The church office will be closed Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day.

The Beacon of Hope collected approximately \$200 for new shoes for the children in the Caring Unlimited's transitional housing program. Thank you for your kind generosity!





Betty Schofield—2
 Dawna Dolloff—3
 Pam Buser—5
 Allan Davis—5
 Amos Gay—11
 Eleanor Knight— 12
 Ron Breton—13
 Laurie Thompson—15
 Gail Philbrook—17
 Merri Meserve—20
 Lily Harris—20
 Stephen Mahler—21
 Heather Davis—24
 Lucretia Russell—26
 Andrea Leininger—27
 Sheryl Rogers—30



HAPPY
 Birthday
 FROM YOUR
 CHURCH FAMILY

*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!

For the month of September, Beacon of Hope Choir rehearsals are held **Fridays at 11:00 a.m. at the Goodwins Mills UMC, 55 Church Street in Lyman.** Any questions, contact Susan Heafield: heafield.susan@gmail.com or 207-502-7402.



Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song.

Psalm 149:1, NRSV

**The choir will sing at
Goodwins Mills every
 Sunday in September!**



From West Kennebunk UMC

Our Annual Holiday Fair is scheduled for November 18th this year. (Info regarding other tables (Crafts, Bakes, Decorations, RADA coming out shortly.)

Hello Beacon of Hope Family,

Before we know it, our November Holiday Fair will be upon us. As part of this fair, we are hoping to have our "Silent Auction" again this year, but we need everyone's help to gather donations.

If you know a vendor that might donate an item, a gift card or a service, please contact them with a request. If you have a special talent....sewing, pottery, stained glass, artwork, greeting cards, jewelry etc., please consider a donation. And, you can always purchase a gift card ... such as Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks, Hannaford, Market Basket, WalMart, Target, Nail Salons Car Dealerships for an oil change or for any Restaurant in the area. Or think big if you know someone....fishing trip, a restaurant Chef's Dinner, a dozen lobsters, a week in a timeshare..... so many options!

Watch for sales....Children's toys, games, puzzles, outdoor equipment, sleeping bags, etc, all ages, always do well. This has been a very big event for us in the past, but has waned off a bit during the pandemic. Small appliances also do well. In the past, we've had as many as 200 items; I'd like to see a minimum of 80 items to consider this auction.

How about putting together a basket...these most always to do well....some themes are: Baking, Cooking,, Movie Night, Hostess Basket for Thanksgiving or Christmas, Gardening, Crafts, Beading, artwork, stationery & stamps...etc.... these could be for a child or an adult.

I have attached the form we use for donations...the right side is the is a "receipt" for your "vendor" and the left side gives me the info we need to send a thank you note and the retail value of the donation so I know where to start the bidding etc. I have also attached an older list that we used with "ideas" to support the Silent Auction. Last but not least, please send me a text or leave me a voicemail as you make contact with local businesses....this ensures that we are not double teaming them...we will update and distribute the list as I know who has been contacted. Thank you, everyone, for whatever you might be able to contribute to make this another successful Silent Auction.....***PLEASE feel free to call me, anytime, with questions.....***

Kind Regards & Blessings,
Alayna
207-632-7599



West Kennebunk United Methodist Church

Annual Silent Auction

Date: November 18, 2023

We are asking for your support for this annual fundraiser that goes toward our general budget so we can continue our support of local and worldwide missions.

Business name: _____

Address & Telephone number: _____

Contact name _____

Item donated _____

Value of item _____



West Kennebunk United Methodist Church Silent Auction



Date: _____

We are asking for your support as we prepare for our annual Silent Auction. Your donations to our silent auction enable us to keep these missions in our general budget, such as:

York County Shelter

Adopt Families at Christmas

York County Food Pantry

Caring Unlimited

Community Outreach Services

Thank you for your donation to the WKUMC/Beacon of Hope.
This is your receipt.

Item donated _____ **Value** _____

Signed _____

Friends and Family Donations to Silent Auction

Here is a list of items that draw lots of bids. Toys are always a big draw as folks are doing their Christmas shopping. All items should be **NEW** please.

Toys: Legos, board games, books, scooter, trucks, dolls, erector set, Lincoln Logs, Beyblade, science kits, Fingerlings, Batman, Star Wars, Barbie, Klutz craft kits for tweens...check flyers for ideas!

Baby/Toddler Toys: riding toys, Let's Dance Elmo or any Elmo, walker, bouncy chair, activity cube/table

Small appliances: Instant Pot (super popular), toaster, griddle iron, sandwich maker, mixer, immersion blender

Tools: Drill, tool box, sander, wet/dry vacuum, handheld vacuum

Home Goods: Bedspread set, Mirror, throw pillows, glasses, shelves, serving dishes

Sports: soccer ball, basketball, skateboard, ski accessories

Gift baskets...folks love them and they look great spread throughout tables:

Baby gift basket – hooded towel, baby nightgown, bath accessories, rubber duckie all in basket or baby bath.

Gardening Gift Basket – trowel, gloves, seeds, garden stone, nursery gift card

Crackers and Wine basket – crackers, cheese, wine, wooden cutting board, cheese spreader, tea towel

Movie Night Basket, Game Night Basket

Art/Books – paintings by local artists, signed books by local authors, or just a favorite book on history, gardening, music, sports etc.

Gift Cards – when you are at your favorite store or restaurant, buy a gift card to donate to our auction: Target, Kohls, LL Bean, Walmart, Hannaford's, Market Basket, Duffy's, Mike's American Diner, 99's, Applebees, Valerie's, The Steakhouse, Mike's Clam Shack, Reny's, Dollar Store..... Etc., etc..... wherever you shop, purchase a gift card to donate.



We are hoping that everyone might do one to three items for the auction, without putting undue stress on anyone....please just do what you can, or get someone else to do the donating for you!

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)

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.

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



We Love
Our
VOLunteers

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 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, 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 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

For Pastoral Care



Please Contact

Rev. Ed Bove

(401) 525-6866 or

revbove@gmail.com



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



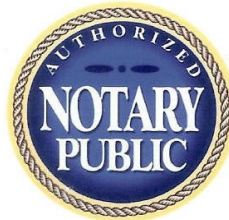
You have saved enough energy to light 8.9 lightbulbs -- 24 hours a day -- for a year.

Emissions



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

This really works! Last month we got \$161 from our CLYNK account!



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.



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

www.umeconomicministry.com or [United Methodist Economic Ministry](#) 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 SEPTEMBER, 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Office CLOSED 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal at Goodwins Mills	2
3 9:00am Men's Club at GM 9:15am Communion service at WKUMC w/Zoom 11:00am Communion service at GMUMC	4 Office Closed for holiday  1:30-3:30pm Village Ringers Rehearsal at Christ Church	5 9:00-1:00pm GM Office Open Super Sr Gathering 1-3 WK 3:30 pm Heart-Source Meeting via Zoom	6 9:00-1:00pm CC Office Open	7 9:00-1:00pm CC Office Open 5:15-7:00pm TOPS in FH at GM	8 Office CLOSED 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal at Goodwins Mills	9
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