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Cabinet News

The Cabinet is getting ready for two transitions that will make a difference in our church family. First is the loss of our winter travelers, Rhoda and Sheila, who will be gone until April. Email makes it possible for them to continue to participate in the work of the Cabinet, but we will miss their presence at the table.

The biggest transition will come at the beginning of 2014, when Allison ends her interim period with us. The Search Committee and Cabinet are praying that a Settled Pastor will be ready to start upon her departure. If that is not the case, then two possibilities are open to us: we can use Supply Ministers to fill a short period, or have a “Bridge Interim,” who will fill a longer period. No one knows what the future holds, but we trust that God will reveal our next Pastor when the time is right.

The Pine Cone Fair is right around the corner on November 16th. Betty Schofield and Liz Blackman are full of ideas and enthusiasm for “changing things up a bit” for this year. Please come to the Women’s Fellowship meeting on November 13th, to help set up and finalize the plans for the Fair.

As always, you are welcome at Cabinet meetings. The next one will be on November 12th. If you have an idea or concern that you are not comfortable sharing with the Cabinet, you may speak to any Cabinet member, who can then present your thoughts or concerns for you.

May God continue to guide our steps as we travel the exciting new path.

With Faith and Hope,

Beverly Heald
Christ Church Cabinet Chair

Check the Calendar!

A lot goes on here at Christ Church, and to keep track, we have an online calendar on our website: www.christchurchkennebunk.org
Please let the Secretary know if you have events to add, or notice any errors: Jane King 985-4494 jkchristchurch@gwi.net
The annual Fall Rummage Sale was a great success, thanks to the many who donated, sorted, folded, hung, displayed, sold, and bagged the wide array of items available. Nearly $1200 was raised to support the missions of Christ Church. Special thanks are owed to the Sale Coordinators, Rhoda Frederick and Sheila Moody, who worked tirelessly to see that every detail was attended to.

CHRIST CHURCH WORK DAY
Many important tasks were accomplished, and much fellowship was shared at the Christ Church Work Day on October 26. Many thanks to Gail Preble, Property Committee Chair, and Joan Cowgill, Membership Committee Chair, for organizing the work and the wonderful food!

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REMEMBER THE HUNGRY
We have a new tradition here at Christ Church. On Communion Sundays, we bring non-perishable food to gather and dedicate it at the altar for the Church Community Outreach Services’ food bank, serving people in need here in the Kennebunks. The next Communion Sunday will be November 3; be sure to remember your contribution to ease hunger for our neighbors.

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
The Pastoral Relations Committee serves as a communication link and sounding board for the pastor and the congregation. We are here to hear your concerns, questions, or joys and then get a response back to you. The people on the committee were part of the Transition Team when Pastor Allison first came to our church, and have now shifted their focus to being the communication link as the transition period moves on in the for a settled pastor. The committee is comprised of Beverly Heald – 985-7096, Jim Anderson * 985-8823, Carol Holmberg – 467-3216, Kristen Holmberg – 467-3216, Marcia Carter – 985-7366, and Gail Preble – 967-4095. They look forward to hearing from you.

SEARCH COMMITTEE
The Search Committee has completed the first step of the process in our search for a settled pastor. They have prepared a detailed Profile of our church (25 pages long!), with specifics and data on every aspect of congregational life, and a Prospectus describing what we are looking for in a new Pastor. The Profile can be seen on the partitions in the dining room. The Cabinet and the Congregation have voted to approve the Prospectus and profile, and they have been forwarded on to the office of the Maine Conference, which will match them with several potential candidates. The Committee is Rev. Jim Anderson, Denise Butler, Dick Cadmus, Rhoda Frederick, Beverly Heald, Carol Holmberg, and Elizabeth Schofield. May our prayers and thanks and God’s guidance be with them as they progress with their work.

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP
The first meeting of the season was on Wednesday, September 25th at 2:00 p.m. Plans were made for the program of projects throughout the year. All women are welcome, including friends or neighbors who are not members. Meetings will be held the second and fourth Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m., except for holidays, through June. The schedule for the coming year is in the Fellowship Hall and on our website, www.christchurchkennebunk.org In November the Women’s Fellowship will meet November 13 to make crafts for the Pine Cone Fair, as well as Thanksgiving-themed bags for shut-ins. Because Thanksgiving is the next day, and people will be preparing or traveling, there will be NO meeting November 27.
Coming Events

"A Place at the Table"
Friday, November 1st  Kennebunk Town Hall

"A Place at the Table," a documentary film on hunger, will be shown at 7 p.m., Friday, November 1st, at the Kennebunk Town Hall. This film tells the powerful stories of three people among the 50 million Americans who suffer from hunger, people who maintain their dignity even as they struggle just to eat.

Following the film, there will be a discussion on hunger in York County (the problem of hunger is worsening in Maine: 1 in 4 of Maine's children go hungry) and what we as a community can do about it.

Admission is free, but filmgoers are asked to donate an item of non-perishable food at the door. The food collected will be donated to the Kennebunk Community Food Pantry of Kennebunk and to the York County Shelter Programs' Food Pantry in Alfred. This showing is jointly sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Church and the Church Community Outreach Services, both of Kennebunk.

Coastal Sound “Big Band” Concert

They’re back! The Coastal Sound band, featuring Warren King and Ron Breton along with two of their friends played a great program of Big Band dance music in August in the Fellowship Hall, which provided an excellent dance floor. Many members of Christ Church, as well, as lots of people from the wider community, had a great time listening to the music, singing along with some of the songs, and some even danced! Due to popular demand, they will return Sunday, November 10, at 3:00 pm. Suggested donation is $7. Proceeds will benefit Christ Church.

Pine Cone Fair

Plans are under way for the Pine Cone Fair on November 16. Please consider what you can contribute to this endeavor. Needed are lots of cookies and clean coffee cans for the Cookie Walk, new items for the Silent Auction, gently used Christmas items for “Grandma’s Attic,” handmade gifts and crafts for the Christ Church Crafters’ table, and assistance with Coffee Hour (9:00 – 11:00) and Chowder Luncheon (11:00 – 1:00) Please feel free to place items for the Silent Auction or Grandma’s Attic on the table near the office. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. What a great day it will be with all of us pitching in!

The Russians Return

On Saturday, December 7, at 2:00 pm, we will once again have the pleasure of hosting a concert by the St. Petersburg Men’s Ensemble, an outstanding a capella quartet from St. Petersburg, Russia. Their program encompasses both traditional and contemporary Russian music, some classical and some folk. Their prior performances have been very well-received, and we are happy to have been able to schedule an afternoon performance this year to make it easier for more people to enjoy their wonderful performance. Admission is $10, or $7 for Seniors or children.

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 15, at 2:00 pm, some of our favorite musicians will be presenting a program of Christmas music followed by sing-along carols. Music Director Warren King will accompany virtuoso flutist Rachael Barter and the magnificent trumpeter Thomas Kremser on both piano and organ. They will be presenting both traditional Christmas music and some engaging variations. Suggested donation is $10, or $7 for Seniors or children.
Local Outreach

**Holiday Food Baskets**, coordinated by Church Community Outreach Services to serve the people of the Kennebunks and Arundel, will be based at **Sea Road Church** this year. The particular foods they most need are **potatoes, onions, boxed stuffing, pudding, Jell-o, canned fruit, evaporated milk**, and **pie crust mix**, as well as other non-perishables. Also very much appreciated are donations of cash, which they use to purchase turkeys, chickens, and other fresh food items. Checks can be written to CCOS, with “Holiday Food Baskets” on the memo line, and mailed to CCOS, PO Box 1175, Kennebunk, 04043. If you can volunteer to help, please call **Donna Patterson, 651-1997**. The schedule for **Thanksgiving** is:

- **Sunday, Nov. 24**: Food delivery to Sea Road Church, 140 Sea Road, Kennebunk, by 1:00 pm.
- **Monday, Nov. 25, 8:30 – 10:30 am**: Volunteers are needed to pack food boxes.
- **Monday, Nov. 25: 11:00 am**: Volunteer delivery drivers are needed. Drivers may want to bring an assistant.

The schedule for **Christmas** is:

- **Thursday, Dec. 19**: Food delivery to Sea Road Church.

**Veterans Serving Veterans**, a grass roots-program founded in Sanford in 1994, provides warm clothing, blankets, and basic necessities to local veterans in need. Over 300 veterans a month are served during the cold months, and the program continues year-round. They are in need of toiletries currently, and would appreciate any donations. **Veterans** with proper ID can “shop” for what they need on **Fridays** from 9:00 a.m. to noon at 199 Jagger Mill Road in Sanford. Veteransmilitarysurplus.blogspot.com

Christ Church **Knitting Ministry** is a satisfying way to contribute to ministries in our community. Projects large and small are welcome, such as small prayer squares, seafarers’ caps, and lap robes and prayer shawls. Directions and yarn are available in the knitting room, and you can knit with us Sunday morning, or work at home, as suits you.

Thanks to the **Knitting Angels** who have brought seamen’s caps and lap robes into the knitting room. A recent delivery of hats to the Seafarers’ Friends mission was most gratefully received. If you’d like to get involved in this satisfying mission, yarn and instructions are available in the knitting room. As well as hand-knit caps, the **Seafarers’ Friend Mission** in Portland also very much appreciates donations of books and magazines. These can be dropped off in the Vestry.

**Bon Appetit** is a free community meals program in Biddeford. On the **fourth Tuesday of the month, at 3:45 p.m.**, a team from Christ Church carpool to Second Congregational Church in Biddeford to help prepare and serve dinner for those in need. Volunteers are always welcome to join. See Judy or Dick Cadmus for more information, 985-6788.

The students at **Biddeford Adult Education** have been enjoying the "Breakfast Boost" our volunteers are supplying for the morning break between 10:00 and 10:15. Currently, five volunteers have participated in creating and serving nutritious snacks and finger foods on Tuesday AM and the Wednesday gang is comprised of at least another six or more people. Our special friend Hannah Engel has even returned from her new home in New Hampshire to take part on Wednesdays! When you are able to participate and wish to take a turn, contact Judy Cadmus @ 985 6788 or Carol Holmberg @ 467 3218. Or you can simply contribute a nutritious dish you of your choice. It is not necessary for everyone to make the trip to Biddeford to serve the food, but the contact with the students and staff is rewarding and uplifting. Take a chance; you will probably find the experience rewarding and fun!
Christian Education

The Christian Education Committee has adopted a seasonal Bible-based curriculum with easy and clear lesson plans that include all ages. The curriculum is available for review and consideration in the office. As we did last year, a rotating team of volunteer Sunday School teachers are each teaching three Sundays a month, so no one gets “burned out.” The lesson plans move sequentially through the Bible, a new reading each week, which the children find very engaging. Everything needed for related activities is provided, making it easy and enjoyable to teach. The teaching team have all found the experience enriching and joyful. As one of the volunteers, Beverly Heald, put it: “This is not my area of expertise, but I had a great time with the children. I found them to be interested and responsive to the biblical teaching, and I got as much from them as they got from me.” If you enjoy interacting with children, please think about it in a prayerful way, asking for insight into how you might be able to help bring God's love to our children. If you think you might be interested in helping with this crucial ministry, please see Allison or Beverly, or mention it to Jane King in the office 985-4494 christchurch@gwi.net

Nursery and toddler care is being provided by some of our high school youth, with adult oversight. If you think you might like to give this ministry a try, please let Allison know. Both youth and adults are welcome. If you can volunteer even one Sunday a month, the children and families will be very grateful.

Full-Tuition College Scholarships Available!

Piedmont College, a small 4-year private liberal arts college in the mountains of northeast Georgia, offers Congregational Heritage scholarships to students who are active in a UCC congregation and have a GPA of at least 3.0. These scholarships range from $17,000 to $21,000 per year, up to full tuition, and the college is actively soliciting for applicants. There are pamphlets available in the Fellowship Hall, and detailed information packets with application materials in the office. FMI: boonstra@piedmont.edu, www.piedmont.edu

HELP WANTED - Youth Coordinator, Part-time

South Church UCC, Kennebunkport seeks a faith-filled individual to work with young people, to coordinate and oversee the church school program, Vacation Bible School and possibly collaborate adult education offerings. Previous experience preferred. Position is part-time. Call 967-2793 for more information, Rev. Charles Whiston.

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