



We said “Good-by” to Pastor Jen in March while looking to the month of April, a time of transition. We will be without a pastor for the next three months. Pray with us that during this time we will experience God’s spirit-filled love and hope. -Claire Forbes, Nurture Chair

The Craft Group will meet on Fridays, April 10 & 24 at 1 P.M. in the Vestry. The monthly movie will be held on Friday, April 24, at 6 P.M. Popcorn and water will be available. Bring a friend and enjoy the show with us! -Angie DuShane, Outreach Chair

April Birthdays: 4/1, Stephen Nutter; 4/1, Katrina Brown; 4/17 Alice DePatsy; 4/27 Linda Blackler

April Anniversary: 4/17, Roy and Cynthia Winchenbach

Greeters: April 5 & 12, Donna Nash & Jolene Millay; April 20 & 27, Janet Braley & Jeanne Begley

Highlights from Recording Secretary and Treasurer Lillian M. Dolloff - Our next meeting of the Administrative Council is April 11 at 10 A.M. in the vestry. We received a nice letter and certificate from District Superintendent Rev. Beverly Stenmark thanking this church congregation for paying our Mission Shares. The communion offering for April will go to the Methodist Home. We accepted Mary Lee Merrill’s resignation as liaison of the Waldoboro/Bremen Food Pantry with thanks and regrets. Betty Gersh has been appointed in her place. Cassi Smeltzer will be attending Camp Mechwana as a counselor. We would like to know the names of anyone who would like a scholarship to the camp. Contact Council Chair Ron Dolloff. The council gave a \$350 scholarship to a student in Nicaragua. Kendall Black was given an extra sum of money for all the shoveling he had to do this winter. It has been quite a job for him with the storms coming on Saturday nights. We appreciate all that he has done to keep the walkways and parking lot free of snow. We collected \$94 for the Salem Economic Mission from the communion offering. *The Upper Room*, a daily devotional, is available as a gift from the Waldoboro United Methodist Women.

Many thanks were given to Pastor Jen for her help to us over the last three years. We wish her well in her new position in Randolph.

Trustee Notes Ardelle Gile - Rob Baisley was hired to clean off the parsonage roof. Maine Water upgraded the water meter at no cost to the church. The correct address for the church is 85 Friendship Street and the parsonage is 95 Friendship Street. A tower for the projection booth computer was donated by someone who wishes to remain anonymous.

From the Financial Secretary - The Communion Offering for February for Salem Mission was \$94. April's Communion will go to the Methodist Home. March has been One Great Hour of Sharing.

The United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday, April 8, in the Vestry at noon. We are hoping to have Town Manager Linda J. Briggs as our guest speaker. All women of the church and community are invited to attend. We are planning to begin our collection of UMCOR Health Kits this month. Sheets listing kit needs and a basket for receiving completed kits will be found in the rear of the church. If you cannot complete a kit on your own, you may give President Betty Gersh a donation towards the project, or you may work with someone else to complete a kit. The Health Kits are distributed by UMCOR during disasters both at home and abroad.

From Food Pantry Liaison Betty Gersh: 204 families were served through the month of March. The March 19, Community Luncheon cooks served a corn beef and cabbage meal to 27 people.



Mission Projects: Thanks to the many folks in the church who over the year save items to assist in helping children, our church sent 10.6 pounds of card fronts to St. Jude's Ranch for Children; 1.3 pounds of cancelled stamps to Stamp Camp USA, and a pint bag stuffed with Labels for Education to Miller School. Keep saving! Taking part in Read Across America at Miller School on March 2 were Paul Smeltzer, Heidi Leinonen, Val Skov and Jean Lawrence. Photo: Mrs. Pam Stuart's Grade 2 students, Miller School.

April Counters: 5th: Ardelle Gile & Dana Dow; 12th: Joni Gatcombe & Claire Forbes; 19th: Jane Braley & Jeanne Begley; 26th: Carol Perry & Mary Lee Merrill

Easter Flowers: If you would like to donate an Easter plant for the altar, please contact Richard Wallace (832-2015) or Jean Lawrence (832-4421). Plants may be left in the church after the services on April 2 or 3.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee has been meeting weekly to work out future schedules and needs. We will be working with all other committees and church members and ask for your support during this transition. We will be continuing with the “Christ on Trial” series through Easter. We have a prosecutor and our witnesses are ready to testify.

Communion Service will be held on April 12th, the second Sunday of the month. We will return to the regular communion schedule for May 3rd and June 7th. The sunrise service and breakfast planned for Easter morning have been cancelled. Easter Service will be held at the regular time (10:00 A.M.). The discretionary funds have been placed on hold. Community members seeking financial assistance should be redirected to the Town Clerk of Waldoboro. In case of dire emergency, WUMC members are asked to contact Heidi Leinonen (563-6296) with requests. A committee of representatives from SPRC, Finance & Administrative Council will review requests and make a decision within 48 hours.

If you have any questions or concerns for the Staff Parish Relations Committee, please direct them to one of our committee members: Janet Braley, Val Skov, Jeanne Begley, Dana Dow, Angie DuShane, Betty Gersh, Ardelle Gile, Jann Minzy, Carol Perry, Janice White, or Heidi Leinonen.



Easter Sunday Altar Flowers, 2014

God's goal is not to make you happy.
It is to make you His!

- Max Lucado

Janet's Jottings

Spring has arrived – at least according to the calendar!! However, as Easter approaches, there are not many of the usual signs of spring. We know, though, from our past experiences that changes will come, and we will see flowers blooming and green grass where we now see snow.

We are experiencing changes within our church at this time as well. On March 8, Pastor Jen announced that she has been appointed to a different church and that March 15, would be her last Sunday with us. She has been working hard to get things in order for us as she gets ready for her move.

It is difficult for many of us to make changes in our lives. We don't always understand why the changes are necessary and usually don't know all the facts that bring about the changes. At this point, I would like to wish Pastor Jen the very best as she goes to her new appointment. May it be a good change for her, and may God bless her with good health and many blessings as she continues her ministry in the Lord's work. We will miss you, Jen. God go with you.

Janet Braley, Co- Lay Leader



Holy Week Services

A **Maundy Thursday** service will be held on April 2 at 6:00 P.M. in the church vestry. A light meal including soup, bread and desert will be followed by the continuance of “Christ On Trial” with the **Witness John**. All are welcome! A **Good Friday** Service will be held in the Sanctuary at 7 P.M.

An Invitation Sent to the Waldoboro United Methodist Church Family



St. Paul’s Chapel, Dutch Neck, Waldoboro

The Waldoborough Historical Society in collaboration with the Broad Bay United Church of Christ will sponsor a special presentation “A Celebration of Local Church Architecture with Chris Glass” on Wednesday, April 8, at 7 P.M. The program will be preceded by a Pot Luck Supper at 5:45 P.M. in the Vestry of the church located at 941 Main Street. Bring a salad or casserole to share; dessert and beverage will be provided. At 6:45 P.M. Carroll Smith will play the 1875 Hook and Hastings organ. The public is welcome to attend; there is no admission. Mr. Glass is a well -known architect who lives in Camden, taught at Bowdoin, and who will draw on 18th & 19th century photos, some from the local area, in his presentation.

Of Interest: On March 24, 2015, WUMC celebrated the 158th anniversary of the ground breaking for our church. The building was dedicated in October of the same year!

Next newsletter deadline is Saturday, April 25.

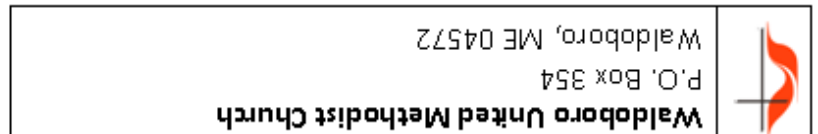


From Pastor Jen

Thank you to all who joined us, either in physical presence or in spirit, for worship and the potluck on my last Sunday with you. It was an inspirational day, filled with the Spirit of God. Many thanks for all your kind words and gifts. There are many memories I will cherish from my time with you, as will my dad. Love and prayers will remain with you. Blessings on your continued journey.
-Pastor Jen

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed	April 1	3:30 P.M.	Trustees Meeting
		4:30 P.M.	SPRC Meeting
Thurs	April 2	1:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.	Food Pantry
		6:00 P.M.	Maundy Thursday Service - Vestry
Fri	April 3	7:00 P.M.	Good Friday Service - Sanctuary
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Sun	April 5	10:00 A.M.	Worship - Easter Service <i>"Witness: Mary Magdalene Returns"</i>
Tues	April 7	4:30 P.M.	Nurture Meeting
Wed	April 8	12:00 Noon	UMW Meeting
		4:30 P.M.	SPRC Meeting
Fri	April 10	1:00 P.M.	Craft Group - Vestry
Sat	April 11	10:00 A.M.	Ad Council Meeting
Sun	April 12	10:00 A.M.	Communion Worship with guest speaker Dr. Ronald Beard
		Coffee Hour - immediately following the service	
Wed	April 15	4:30 P.M.	SPRC Meeting
Thurs	April 16	12:00 Noon	Community Luncheon
		1:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.	Food Pantry
Sun	April 19	10:00 A.M.	Worship with guest speaker Dana Dow
Wed	April 22	4:30 P.M.	SPRC Meeting
Fri	April 24	1:00 P.M.	Craft Group - Vestry
		6:00 P.M.	Movie - TBA
Wed	April 29	4:30 P.M.	SPRC Meeting



Romans 12:3-8 (NIV)

Humble Service in the Body of Christ

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead,^[b] do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.