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Outreach News: The Craft Group will meet Fridays, March 6 and 20. The last Friday of the month, March 27, will find the free movie resuming. We are happy to have Russell VonAa volunteer to see to the technology for the evening. Check the bulletin and the newspaper for the movie choice.

Thoughts from Your Co-Lay Leader

I write this with some difficulty using very cold fingers as I have just come inside from cleaning up the latest snowfall. The temperature is 10 degrees and the wind is blowing loose snow around blizzard style. I'm sure many of you have shared the same experience and are as frustrated as I am waiting for better weather. Looking for something positive in all this, it may force us to display that desirable virtue, patience.

As you are aware, our church is going through a period of unpleasant weather also, and this situation is frustrating and discouraging. As Christians we know that God is with us. We can talk to Him and ask for guidance and we believe that He will answer our prayers, but we don't know how He will respond. I think it's time to stop talking for a while and listen to what God has to tell us.

Lord, help us to listen. In His Service, Val Skov

Communion Offering for January - \$235 for Discretionary Fund

Readers – Mar. 1, Ronald Dolloff; Mar. 8, Angela Dushane; Mar. 15, Linda Pease; Mar. 22, Carol Perry; Mar. 29, Bonnie Penney

Counters – Mar.1, Joni Gatcombe, Carol Perry; Mar. 8, Claire Forbes, Bob Curran; Mar. 15, Jeanne Begley, Janet Braley; Mar. 22, Mary Lee Merrill, Linda Papineau; Mar.29, Carol Perry, Joni Gatcombe

Birthdays - March 1, Maria DePatsy; March 4, Lillian Dolloff; March 5, Jim Perry; March 7, Zachary Pease; March 7, John Stahl; March 12, Rita Stahl; March 12, Juliana Blackler; March 14, Joyce Parmelee; March 15, Lisa Dow; March 16, Russell VanAa; March 19, Danielle Dyer; March 28, Jean Lawrence; March 28, Jackie Tait

Anniversary: March 14, Jim & Carol Perry

Greeters: March 1 & 8 Val Skov and Alice DePatsy; March 15, Carol Perry and Donna Nash; March 22 & 29, Mary Lee Merrill and Sylvia Harkins

From the Trustees for Kendall Black: “Kendall, all of your work on the church property during all of the snow is greatly appreciated. Grace and Peace, Ardelle”

March Communion Designation - One Great Hour of Sharing will celebrate its 75th Anniversary of being present with those in crisis around the world on March 15.

From Lillian Dolloff: On-going projects of this church are the Prayer Chain of which Bonnie Penney has become a new member. Call Lillian Dolloff (832-5870) or Pastor Jen Curran (458-4404) if you would like more information. The Memory Books at the front of the sanctuary are always in need of new photos or articles about church members and friends. Dare to Care is an on-going project, and you may contact Jeanne Begley (832-5892) for more information.

We are happy that Lelia Dyer has agreed to organize the “Relay for Life” to benefit the Cancer Society.

Treasurer Lillian Dolloff reports that we ended the year 2014 with a balance of \$11,406.10(part of this is \$4,683.52 in the restricted account). These Sundays that we don’t have church because of the snow storms hurt us spiritually and, also, financially. So, we need to catch up on our pledges when we do have church. The treasurer’s balance sheet and accounts payable are in the blue book at the front of the sanctuary. Also, the records of the Administrative Council are in the blue book for anyone to read who is interested.

The Administrative Council members thank Kendall Black for the excellent job he has done with keeping the parking lot and pathways free of snow. It has not been an easy job this winter.

From Mary Lee Merrill, Liaison: Waldoboro/Bremen Food Pantry Services to Households – Dec. 18, 122; Jan. 8, 107; Jan. 22, 118; Feb 5, 57; and Feb. 20, 74. Free Community luncheons were served by WUMC and Broad Bay UCC on each third Thursday in the Vestry.

Nurture News by Chairman Claire Forbes – A Lenten bible study titled “Christ on Trial” began on Feb 26th in the evening and the afternoon of Feb 27th. This is a six week study and all are invited.

The Palm Sunday service on March 29th will be celebrated with palms. A Maundy Thursday service will be held at 6:00 PM in the vestry with a light meal. The Good Friday service, combined with the Broad Bay Church, will be observed at 7:00 P.M. at WUMC.

A sunrise service with breakfast will take place on Easter Sunday April 5th. Easter worship service will follow at 10:00 A.M. Details will follow in the bulletin.



“Congratulations!” to Cassi Smeltzer and the Cheerleading Team the Medomak Middle School Riverhawks on winning the Busline League Cheering Championship and their sixth title on January 29.

“Congratulations!” to the Medomak Panther Basketball Team led by Coach Nick DePatsy and to Nick DePatsy, team member, on winning the Eastern Class B Final on February 21.

Deadline for the April Newsletter is March 21!

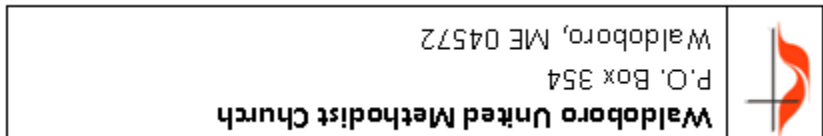
From the Pastor



We are currently in the Season of Lent. I remember as a child that it was a time that felt very special (after all, the sanctuary was decked out in purple), but I didn't quite understand why. However, I recall one Sunday School lesson that has stuck with me all these years. We talked about Lent and how it was a time of preparation. "Preparation for what?" was the question the class raised. The teacher answered very simply. She drew a heart on the board and pointed at her heart while saying, "We look inside and open our hearts." Extending her arm upward, she went on to say, "With our hearts open, we reach up to God." Bringing her arms out toward us with her hands extended, "With God, we reach out to others." This Lenten Season, may we open our hearts, reach up to God, and reach out to others. Blessings on your continued journey through Lent. –Pastor Jen

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun	March 1	10:00 A.M.	Worship-Second Sunday in Lent
Thur	March 5	1:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.	Food Pantry
Thur	March 5	6:00 P.M.	Lenten Bible Study
Fri	March 6	3:00 P.M.	Lenten Bible Study
Sun	March 8	Spring Ahead!	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sun	March 8	10:00 A.M.	Worship-Third Sunday in Lent
Thur	March 12	6:00 P.M.	Lenten Bible Study
Fri	March 13	3:00 P.M.	Lenten Bible Study
Sun	March 15	10:00 A.M.	Worship-Fourth Sunday in Lent
Thur	March 19	Noon	Community Luncheon
Thur	March 19	1:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.	Food Pantry
Thur	March 19	6:00 P.M.	Lenten Bible Study
Fri	March 20	3:00 P.M.	Lenten Bible Study
Sun	March 22	10:00 A.M.	Worship-Fifth Sunday in Lent
Thur	March 26	6:00 P.M.	Lenten Bible Study
Fri	March 27	3:00 P.M.	Lenten Bible Study
Sun	March 29	10:00 A.M.	Worship-Palm Sunday



Romans 5:6-8

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.