

From Co-Lay Leader, Val Skov



I must admit I was somewhat skeptical when Janet promised flowers and green grass last month, but finally the temperature has improved and the mountains of snow have been replaced by mountains of debris generated by winter storms. The grass is greenish, but I haven't seen any flowers yet. I need more patience.

Patience is a virtue that is limited in many of us. We demand instant gratification of our desires whether they are trivial or monumental in our lives. We are impatient when God does not respond immediately with the answer we want to our prayers.

As a congregation of God's church we have been experiencing serious problems for some time now. We have prayed for help and have made some progress. Our members have pitched in to provide meaningful worship services and do other necessary work as we anticipate the arrival of our new pastor. But we need to be patient and have faith that God is in control and will show us how we can become a positive influence in Waldoboro and carry out our mission to make disciples for Christ. In His Service, Val

From Lillian Dolloff: *Administrative Council* will meet on June 13, 10 A. M. in Vestry. *Prayer Chain* always open to new members. Call Lillian 832-5870. *Dare to Care* meets weekly except on holidays. Call Jeanne Begley at 832-5892.

From Finance Chair Ron Dolloff: We have had a good return from the Easter Envelopes: \$487 so far. The committee will meet with John Dolloff, USB representative, soon to discuss our investments.

The May Communion Offering has been designated for the UM Committee on Relief!

Counters for May: May 3- Heidi Leinonen & Janet Braley; May 10- Claire Forbes & Joni Gatcombe; May 17- Jeanne Begley & Janet Braley; May 24- Ardelle Gile & Mary Lee Merrill; May 31- Carol Perry & Heidi Leinonen

Greeters: May 3 & 10, Alice DePatsy & Jolene Millay; May 17, Janet Braley & Jeanne Begley; May 24 & 31, Donna Nash & Mary Lee Merrill

Outreach News from Angie DuShane: Craft Group will meet on Fridays, May 8 & 29 at 1 P.M. in the Vestry. The free movie will be shown on Friday, May 29; watch bulletin for title. The Community Luncheon will be served on Thursday, May 21, at noon. Spots are still open for Camp Mechuwana; do let me know if you have a deserving youngster in mind!

From Betty Gersh: 204 families were served at the Food Bank in March. Health Kits for UMCOR may be left in the basket in the rear of the church at any time during the month of May. Slips and bags are available beside the basket. Please help as these kits serve many people affected by disasters at home and abroad! Next WUMW Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 6, at 1 P.M. in the Vestry. Bring a friend!

From Ardelle Gile and the Trustees: We are very thankful to Dana Dyer and Paul Smeltzer for changing the projector bulb and cleaning the filters. Fuel oil will be billed at the daily price when it is delivered by Gray's Heating. The insurance inspector was here and said that the fire escape does not need repair, but suggests that we take the shingles and the nails off. Jen Curran donated her washer and dryer. She also donated 2 large garbage cans. It was suggested that the church's washer and dryer be sold at the church sale. The two pianos were tuned by Joel Lufkin. Please contact Val Skov with any concerns.

May Birthdays: 5/2, Ronald Dolloff; 5/11, Roy Winchenbach; 5/13, Lelia Dyer; 5/18, Alan Pease; 5/20, Scott Lash; 5/21, Ada Campbell **May Anniversaries;** None that we know of.

Nurture News from Claire Forbes: Betty Gersh will make seasonal appropriate wreaths for the parsonage and vestry doors. Mother's Day, May 10th, will be celebrated with geraniums again this year. Your Nurture Team will host a Pentecost celebration with cake and ice cream on May 24th. We will meet outdoors, weather permitting, or else in the vestry. A Prayer Shawl was given to Mr. Wilson, Principal of MVHS, and one will be sent to Annaliese Marks in MI. Nurture will meet again on Tuesday, May 5 at 4:30 in the vestry.



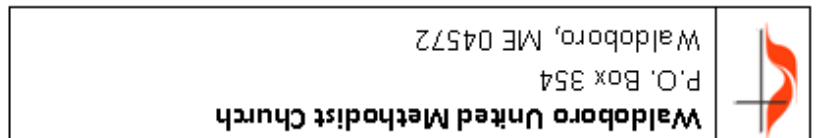
Special thanks to all who donated memorial Easter lilies for Easter Sunday. Donations of flowers are always appreciated. Call Richard Wallace (832-2015) or Jean Lawrence (832-4421); we are happy to arrange gifts or you may bring them to the church yourself – just let us know, please. On Mother's Day, we will once again follow the tradition created by Les Gile and have geraniums adorning the altar. Each woman in the congregation will receive a plant. We appreciate the assistance of Val Skov in this endeavor as we carry on this observance of our mothers.

If you would like to be a part of this year's Relay for Life, please contact Lelia Dyer (832-6408) or ldyer12@roadrunner.com!

Next newsletter deadline is Monday, May 25!

UPCOMING EVENTS for MAY

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| Fri | May 1 st | 1:00 PM | Craft Group meet in the vestry |
| Sat | May 2 nd | | |
| Sun | May 3 rd | 10:00 AM | Communion worship service with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Ron Beard |
| Mon | May 4 th | | |
| Tues | May 5 th | 4:30 PM | Nurture meeting in the vestry |
| Wed | May 6 th | 1:00 PM | WUMW Meeting in the vestry |
| | | 4:30 PM | SPRC meeting in the vestry |
| Thurs | May 7 th | 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM | Food Pantry |
| Fri | May 8 th | 1:00 PM | Outreach Committee meeting in the vestry |
| Sat | May 9 th | | |
| Sun | May 10 th | 10:00 AM | MOTHERS' DAY Worship service with guest speaker Paul Smeltzer |
| Monday, May 11 th through Saturday, May 16 th – <i>no events currently scheduled</i> | | | |
| Sun | May 17 th | 10:00 AM | Worship Service <i>guest speaker to be announced</i> |
| Mon | May 18 th | | |
| Tues | May 19 th | 3:30 PM | Finance Committee meeting in the vestry |
| Wed | May 20 th | 4:30 PM | SPRC meeting in the vestry |
| Thurs | May 21 st | 12:00 Noon | Community Luncheon |
| | | 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM | Food Pantry |
| Fri | May 22 nd | | |
| Sat | May 23 rd | | |
| Sun | May 24 th | 10:00 AM | Pentecost worship service with guest speaker Dana Dow. Celebration following the service outside (weather permitting) |
| Mon | May 25 th | | MEMORIAL DAY - Newsletter deadline |
| Tues | May 26 th | | |
| Wed | May 27 th | | |
| Thurs | May 28 th | | |
| Fri | May 29 th | 1:00 PM | Craft Group meet in the vestry |
| | | 6:00 PM | Movie Night in the sanctuary – <i>To Be Announced</i> |
| Sat | May 30 th | | |
| Sun | May 31 st | | Worship service with guest speaker Rev. Cathy Anderson |



God is love.

Those who abide in love, abide in God. And those who abide in Christ's love, abide in Christ. For Christ is the vine and we are the branches. By abiding in the vine, we bear the fruit of love. Apart from the vine, we can do nothing. The psalmist speaks of the servant who leads the people to abide in God. John writes that true love casts out fear and offers is Jesus' commandment to love one another. Truly, God is love. **Those who abide in love, abide in God.**

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