

# NEWSLETTER

## The August 9

### Coffee Fellowship

following worship will be a bag lunch - bring your own sandwich or snacks. Coffee and cold drinks, dessert, napkins and plates will all be provided. Building on the success of the POT LUCK lunch on July 12, we'll try another style of refreshment for our August Coffee Hour.

Your feedback on our Coffee Hour is welcome!

## From the Pastor

Changing names has a Biblical precedence: Abram becomes Abraham, Jacob becomes Israel, and Saul becomes Paul. It seems that when God touches us, *we change* - and sometimes our name does too. I haven't been promised many nations, I haven't wrestled with an angel, and I am not doing an 180-degree turn in my spiritual leanings; nevertheless my name is also changing.

Twenty years after my divorce, I have filed for legal change of name, and as of the of August 5th, my name will be **Karen Lilli Pax**. Of course it's still me; but it will feel very different to be called the Latin name for peace. It's a name I hope to grow into. By God's grace, I will live into a new name, and together we will find new ways to welcome the stranger into our midst and show the love of God in all we do. See you in church! - Karen



Karen Pierce

## From the Lay Leader

A big welcome to our new pastor, Karen! We are enjoying getting to know her and look forward to her ministry with us.

Recently, my daughter and I enjoyed a spectacular afternoon on the Pemaquid peninsula; lunch outside, a "million dollar view" of the beautiful harbor, a sense of tranquility and thoughts of the marvelous creation which God has provided for us. Sometimes in the busyness of our lives, it is easy to forget how blessed we are with the beauty that surrounds us and how everything works together in such an amazing way! The *Upper Room* devotional for July 6 gives a great example of His plan. In her piece, Emily Bowen tells about the live oak trees being planted together in a row and how their roots intertwine and fuse together. The root system is interdependent and, therefore, allows the oak trees to share water and nutrients to form a stronger hold in the ground. Because of this, the trees are less apt to sustain damage in hurricane winds. She asks the question, "What would happen if Christians held as tightly together in the hurricanes of this life as the live oaks do? What if we poured the strength, wisdom and love that God has given us into the lives of those who are facing hardships and what if we received the same from others when we are experiencing trials? She goes on to say that God did not design us to live unto ourselves but to be a family, bound together by our roots in our Creator. He designed us to support one another through all life's storms. I pray that we will be a family of God, giving and receiving the love of Christ to and from one another in the hurricanes of our lives. Enjoy the rest of this beautiful season which God has created for us! -Janet B. Braley, Co-Lay Leader



Janet Braley

## **Nurture News**

We are in need of Prayer Shawls! There are two available right now. Eleven shawls were given to people in difficult situations in the past year. We continue this ministry so that the persons receiving the shawl might know that we, the church, care for them. The Nurture Team thanks those who have lovingly and prayerfully knit for this ministry. – Claire Forbes, Chair

## **Administrative Council**

Communion offering for August will go towards Miller School. Next meeting of Administrative Council will be August 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. in the church vestry. Minutes of meetings are posted in the blue notebook in the front of the sanctuary. - Lillian Dolloff, Recording Secretary.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Sent \$195.45 to Relay for Life – Mid-coast Maine. Six months of Mission Shares have been paid for a total of \$6,996. Bisson Moving was paid \$1,189 by an anonymous giver for which we are grateful. Lillian Dolloff, Treasurer

## **Trustees' Report**

Rhino has re-seeded the parsonage lawn. There is a sign to designate a parking place for Pastor Karen. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 12, at 6:30 in the Vestry. - Ardelle Gile, Chair

## **Prayer and Rejoicing Opportunities**

**August Birthdays:** 8/2 David Lawrence; 8/4 Michelle DePatsy; 8/7 Angie Dushane; 8/15 Beury Simons; 8/31 Heidi Leinonen **August Anniversaries:** 8/12 Walter & Janice White; 8/12 Paul & Holly Smeltzer; 8/13 David & Jean Lawrence; 8/16 Alan & Linda Pease

**Greeters:** 8/2, Jolene Millay & Jeanne Begley; 8/9, Jolene Millay & Janet Braley; 8/ 16 & 23, Donna Nash & Janet Braley; 8/ 30. Sylvia Harkins & Jeanne Begley

The church family extends sympathy to Carol and Jeff Brown on the passing of Carol's daughter. "Congratulations" are in order for Claire Forbes who became a great grandmother with the birth of Silas Philip, son of Philip and Haley Genthner. We remember the family of our long-time friend Annette Brooks who passed away on July 9. Annette was teacher to many in our town and an active member of our church family before moving to Rockland. She was a faithful member of our choir for years, helped with Bible School and supported the activities of the church with zest and a wonderful smile. She will be missed by her many friends.

**Food Bank and Luncheon:** 148 families were served in July, and 35 were served at the Community Luncheon. Pastor Karen joined the luncheon and was welcomed with a bouquet; Ardelle Gile was given a bouquet for her many service activities. –Betty Gersh

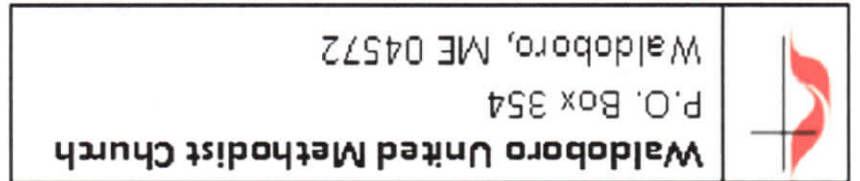
**Prayer Chain:** contact Lillian Dolloff 832-5870. **Dare to Care:** contact Jeanne Begley 832-5892. Devotional books "Upper Room" available for all members: given by the United Methodist Women. **Memory Books:** give all photos and articles you would like included to Lillian Dolloff. **Deadline for newsletter – August 24.**

# Waldoboro United Methodist Church

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## AUGUST 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> UMW Yard Sale Vestry and outdoors
<b>2</b> 11 A.M. Worship Communion Offering Reader: A. DuShane	<b>3</b> Vestry: 1 P.M. Dare to Care	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Vestry: 1 - 6 P.M. Food Pantry	<b>7</b> Vestry: 1 - 3 P.M. Craft Group	<b>8</b> Vestry: 9 A.M. Admin. Council
<b>9</b> 11 A.M. Worship Reader: L. Pease	<b>10</b> Vestry: 1 P.M. Dare to Care	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Vestry: 6:30 P.M. Trustees	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 11 A.M. Worship Reader: C. Perry  Outreach Meeting after worship service.	<b>17</b> Vestry: 1 P.M. Dare to Care	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Vestry: 4:30 P.M. SPRC	<b>20</b> Noon: Community Luncheon - Vestry Food Pantry 1 - 6 P.M. Vestry	<b>21</b> Vestry: 1-3P.M. Craft Group	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 11 A.M. Worship Reader: M. Merrill	<b>24</b> Vestry: 1 P.M. Dare to Care	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Sanctuary: 6 P.M. Free Movie: TBA	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 11 A.M. Worship Reader: V. Skov	<b>31</b> Vestry: 1 P.M. Dare to Care	<b>Notes:</b> <b>Counters for August:</b> 2. H. Leinonen & C. Perry      9. C. Forbes & J. Gatcombe  16. J. Begley & J. Braley      23. A. Gile & C. Perry 30. M. Merrill & H. Leinonen				



**Romans 12:21**

**New International Version (NIV)**

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."