

Day's Ferry Congregational Church Weathervane

Summer 2016

CALENDAR

July 12 Bowdoin International Music Festival
2 pm Concert & Reception

July 30 Memorial Service for Clinton Hilliker
10:30 am

Sept 11 Sunday Worship returns to 10 am
10 am

FAREWELL

In May we bid *au revoir* (or perhaps *hasta la vista* is better) to the Allens who moved near Tucson. Over many years, Nancy and Bob have contributed **A LOT** of wisdom, hard work, and joy to our congregation. They leave a large, impossible-to-fill hole. We wish them much happiness in their new life. New contact information: 3845 S. Via del Reyecuelo, Green Valley, AZ 85622
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Elizabeth Gray planting this year's garden.



FROM THE PASTOR

Is it just me, or has a lot happened at Day's Ferry Congregational Church since the last newsletter?

We had Holy Week and Easter services, including welcoming seven new church members on Palm Sunday. We held another successful auction, said *au revoir* to Nancy and Bob Allen, planted the garden, enjoyed a cookout together, hosted the town Memorial

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On May 22, new Maine Conference Minister Deborah Blood visited Day's Ferry.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

From Paul Althouse

Once again we will be welcoming students from the Bowdoin International Music Festival to present a concert at the church. This year's program will be on Tuesday, July 12, at 2 pm, with a reception following in Johnson Hall.

Do come and invite
your friends and neighbors!

Day service, participated in a well-attended book discussion of *Between the World and Me*, embarked on a landscaping project, and welcomed our new Maine Conference Minister. We also celebrated the lives of several church members and dear friends—Kathy Gott, Clayton Reed, and Friedrich von Huene. In June we celebrated the lives of members of the Struble family, and on July 30 we will hold a memorial service for Clint Hilliker.

We are a hard-working congregation. I am proud to have been called as the settled pastor to a dedicated, joyful, and caring community. Thanks to all who have worked as Christ's disciples in this place and time.

I have just returned from a week Scotland. Thanks to the Deacons and Rev. Jonathan Appleyard for making that possible by very ably filling the pulpit and providing congregational coverage in my absence.

I learned a lot during my time “across the pond.” In the first half, I attended a scholarly conference on what is meant by the use of “messiah,” “son of God,” and “son of man” in regard to Jesus. I look forward to sharing what I learned with you in future sermons, and explaining how it matters to our faith and how we live our daily lives.

During the second half, I played tourist—visiting castles, eating haggis, learning about distillation of whiskies, and enjoying the glorious countryside of Scotland.

Mostly I return, happy, rested and feeling a little more whole. I wish that for all of us during our wonderful summer in this bit of heaven that is Maine.

Peace,
Alan

BOARD OF DEACONS From David Miller

Spring is always a busy time for the Deacons with activities surrounding Easter and this year was no exception. Our tradition of Tenebrae on Maundy Thursday is a hallmark of this church and this year’s service was especially moving.

The Deacons are charged with attending to the “spiritual” life of the church and I’d like to mention three things we did this spring in that regard. First, as we did last year with Atul Gawande’s *Being Mortal*, we held a book discussion in May on *Between the World and Me*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates. The sessions were well attended for a book that raises uncomfortable questions about how African-Americans are viewed and treated in our society and the continuing impact of slavery.

On Mother’s Day, we held a lay service, with Charlie Durfee delivering a sermon on the history of women in the Bible, and Deacons opening the service and providing the readings and prayers.

Lastly in June, with Rev. Baughcum away for study, we asked Rev. Jonathan Appleyard to fill the pulpit for all three weeks hoping that would allow time for him to develop a theme that would challenge the congregation. This he did – by inviting us to consider whether, and how, we “listen” – to ourselves, to each other, to our leaders, and to God. His three sermons were notable for their strategic use of silence, for soliciting our responses, and for linking the scriptures to his theme of “listening with open ears”.

All these events reinforce our congregation’s willingness to explore new, difficult ideas and ways of expressing our faith.

IN MEMORIAM

- Jan 11 Melva K. Struble
- Jan 17 Roxie Michelle Landers
- Jan 25 Katherine Gott
- Mar 1 Clayton Reed
- Mar 5 Clinton R. Hilliker
- Mar 14 Malcolm Struble
- May 8 Friedrich von Huene
- Mid-June Virginia “Ginny” Mary



COMMITTEES

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

From Kris Quill

The last Sunday School class before summer break was held on May 22. The children were encouraged to continue practicing The Lord’s Prayer over the summer, and to reflect on the stories and lessons we learned. Adult Bible Study wrapped up as well on May 25 with a robust attendance of 13! They will resume the study of the Book of Revelation in the fall. We want to remind all that that parents are always welcome to accompany their little ones downstairs to use the Sunday School area during the summer.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

From Michael Sinton

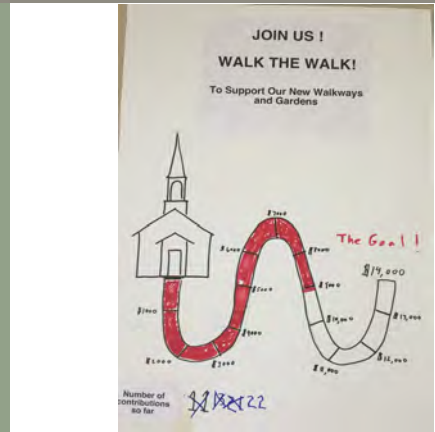
The Events Committee planted our third vegetable garden. We set up a drip watering system on a timer, which will make the garden less “hands-on”. Two more high-bush blueberries were planted so now we have four. Production from the garden will be donated to the Bath Area Food Bank.

The Committee also managed a well-attended cookout in May and we thank everyone that brought food and helped make it a success.

The Committee also helped with the Day’s Ferry House Tour run by Sagadahoc Presentation on June 18. We hosted registration in Johnson Hall and Paul Althouse provided music. About 300 people came through our church and many wonderful comments were overheard.

LANDSCAPING PROJECT

The front and back entries to the church have been improved in safety and beauty, as you can see from these photos by Sally Davis of the “before” and “after” phases of the project. We raised over \$10,000 from 28 donors including a large contribution from funds donated in memory of Clinton Hilliker. The work was performed by Landcrafters on time and on budget.



BEFORE



AFTER



13th ANNUAL AUCTION From Annie Miller

Who says “13” is unlucky?! We couldn’t have had a more beautiful spring day or a more beautiful spot for our auction on April 30. Thank you to the Reed and Parker families for sharing Boom Cove Lodge with us. The auction is truly a total congregational effort and we’re grateful to everyone who helped make it a success – whether you donated an item, came and bid, brought along a friend or neighbor, or simply enjoyed the party.

Here are the numbers:

70 attendees

Our biggest crowd ever!

32 donors

Who gave about 100 items including handmade furniture, quilts, rugs, sweaters and hats, artwork, plants, gift certificates for local businesses, for yardwork or for kayaking on the Kennebec, to name just a few.

\$9,825

In funds raised to benefit the church’s work.



Special Thank-You’s

To Doug Hardy who, along with Maret Hensick, Linda Wood and Nancy Allen, managed check-in and raffle sales.

To Sally Davis and Sarah Gray who managed the kitchen and made sure we were well fed.

To the team of dessert makers—Donna, Nancy, Jennifer, Roxane, Barbie and Charlotte.

To David Miller for MC-ing and David and Charlie Durfee for leading our sing-a-long.

And especially to Charlotte Kirkpatrick for again demonstrating her “grace under pressure” while managing the checkout with our largest crowd ever.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

From Dan Wood

Since good old reliable Bob Allen moved to Arizona in May, Dan Wood was chosen as chair of the Board of Trustees.

In addition to the new walkways and gardens, we concerned ourselves with the spring-cleaning of the church on a Work Day in mid-May. Storm windows and doors were retired for the season and screens put on. Floors were cleaned and pews repainted.

Lorna Andrews continues to organize things. The kitchen and second floor of Johnson Hall have been done and we're planning for a storage space in the basement.

The new steeple lighting was modified to meet neighbors concerns. Now a timer turns off the light at 10 pm.

Future issues involve cleaning and painting the porch and steps leading into the church from the parking lot and developing permanent drainage for the gutter on the west side of the church and the sump pump in the basement.

Our finances are good and our offerings are on budget.

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