

Day's Ferry Congregational Church Weathervane

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CALENDAR

- Sept. 7** **Memorial Service for Harvey Rudolph, 11 am**
- Sept. 8** **Sunday Worship returns to 10 am**
- Sept. 10** **Bible Study resumes on Tuesdays, 10 am**
- Oct. 19** **Red Cross Blood Drive, 9 am to 2 pm**
- Nov. 3** **Day Light Savings Time Ends**
- Dec. 10** **Food Bank Staffing by DFCC**

Bowdoin International Music Festival Comes to Day's Ferry



Each summer for the last eight years, we have hosted an annual concert by students of the Bowdoin International Music Festival. This year we welcomed back Professor Amir Eldan and eleven of his cello students, each of whom played a Schubert song. It was a wonderful afternoon of music with 80 in attendance for the concert and the reception following. Thank you to BIMF for bringing these talented young musicians to us.

FROM THE PASTOR

Summer months always mean vacations and travels for many, which is reflected in the Sunday morning attendance. But all in all, I believe the church is in good shape. The good attendance and lively atmosphere at the fellowship hour each Sunday following worship indicates a spirit of mutual love and an environment of unity.



I'm extremely pleased with the work of the Pastoral Search Committee. They have been working so well together in a spirit of candor and honest reflection. It's always a tedious but important process developing a Church Profile that is informing and inviting for prospective pastoral candidates to review. When this part of their work is complete and they begin to review Pastoral Profiles, I will be appropriately dismissed from any involvement or knowledge of who they may be reviewing. While the committee may seem a bit like a secret order in this phase of their work, it is absolutely vital that they work in strict confidentiality until they are ready to announce a candidate that is to be presented to the congregation. For a number of reasons, I believe the DFCC will be very attractive to prospective pastoral candidates.

I continue to enjoy my time with you all. The people of the DFCC are an interesting group of people who are engaging in conversation and so easy to be with. Also, a wonderful bunch to preach to. You pull it out of me, making my study and preparation feel worthwhile.

May God continue to grace us with His presence now and His guidance into the future.

Grace and Peace,

Jim Henry

Interim Pastor

SPRING WORK DAY

We had a great turn out of about 20 for our spring work day in May. A lot of work was accomplished—replacing storm windows with screens, cleaning out the fridge, washing windows (inside and out), repairing the parking lot after winter, etc. Thank you to all who helped.

DFCC T-SHIRTS

Many at the work day wore their new DFCC T-shirts. If you would like one, please contact Annie Miller. She has all sizes (S-XXL). The cost is \$25 with all proceeds going to the church.



BOTTLE DRIVE FOR FOOD BANK

Bath teen Gavin Hanna is working to raise \$1,500 for the Bath Area Food Bank by collecting returnable bottles. To date he has raised \$500. Our church has organized boxes to collect bottles and cans brought to worship on Sunday (or other times). Each week we consolidate the batch for Gavin to pick up. Please contact Howie Bliss if you have any questions.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

We have increased our commitment to three blood drives per year (from two) and on July 13 we hosted our first summer drive. It was full with 22 donors. Our next drive will be on Saturday, October 19, 9 am to 2 pm. In the last 12 months, 40 pints of blood have been collected at DFCC blood drives.



PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

The search committee has been very busy for the last couple of months working on the documents to put on the UCC website to search for a new pastor. Two lengthy forms (a Profile and a Prospectus) describe the church and its congregation, history, finances and organization. The documents also include a description of what we are looking for in our next pastor.

On July 31, we met with Maine Conference Minister Deborah J. Blood to review the final documents and to prepare for the next steps in our process. Rev. Blood was complimentary of our materials and offered some useful suggestions for final changes. It was a very useful meeting.

We want to thank the congregation for its willingness to share their thoughts and suggestions which were extremely helpful as we prepared the materials. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee with questions or Ideas.

SILENT AUCTION & PARTY

On June 15 we held our 17th annual auction. Again the weather and the bugs cooperated and we were able to enjoy ourselves inside and out. We had 50 items, services and experiences in the auction and raised just over \$5,000. Thank you to all who donated, those who attended and brought friends, and those who bid!



Joan Hardy's adorable knitted Frog & Toad was the item garnering the most bids.



L to R: Andreas, Balt and Kat von Huene; David Miller

CONGRATULATIONS BALT!

Life-long church member Balt von Huene graduated from Dartmouth College this spring. We celebrated his achievement during our worship service on Father's Day in June. Balt graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a major in Environmental Studies and minor in English. During college, he wrote for the Jack-O-Lantern humor magazine and worked as a research technician in the biology department. He was awarded the Benjamin Barge Prize for Oratory. This summer he began working at the Shoals Marine Lab near Kittery.



CONGRATULATIONS WILLA & MATT!

Willa Oddleifson (daughter of Jennifer Oddleifson and Charlie Durfee) and Matt Armstrong were married on July 21 in Tasmania. Matt is completing a Ph.D. in cardiovascular disease and Willa is working for the Tasmania Audit Office. They live in Hobart and are very happy. A celebration is planned for Maine in the future.

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Clockwise from above: Discussion of *The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass*; garden planting on May 19 (all produce is donated to the food bank); Paul Althouse and Prof. Amir Eldan at BIMF reception; Clerk Sally Davis and pianist Andy Chipman (who fills in for Paul when on vacation); after a **LONG WAIT**, spring flowers finally arrived in Maine.



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