



Highland Avenue United Methodist Church

Highlander News

Gardiner, Me. 582-2303
Pastor Angela Rotherham
Pastor Mauren Julião

Worship: 9:30 am Sundays
Lay Leader: Patsy Tessier

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A Cord of Many Strands

Read **Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12**. From verse 12, “A three-ply cord doesn't easily snap” (CEB).



This passage from Ecclesiastes shows us the value and importance of companionship on the paths of life. When we have someone by our side, we get a better reward for our work, help when we fall, and added strength to withstand difficulties. We can also recognize that living and working in the company of people enriches our vision of the world, brings encouragement to the soul, and helps us grow in the face of difficulties.

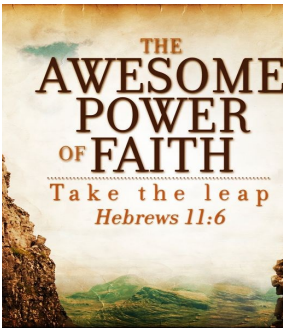
The author begins by talking about two people living and working together and then writes of a cord with three strands. This metaphor made us think of our Cooperative Parish as a cord with SIX strands – each church representing one of the layers. Imagine how strong this rope can be! How resilient! How useful! Such a cord is capable of supporting a great weight and resisting natural wear and tear. But one must be careful in how those strands are braided together – if any one is left out, that strand can snap even if the rope still holds. Ultimately, the rope will not last as long if any of the strands are not woven in evenly.

So, we offer you six characteristics that we believe we all need to look for and maintain so that our River Churches cord remains strong. We encourage you to think, pray, and reflect on each of these as we move forward together:

- ✠ **Mutual Help** – How can we help one another? Is there a ministry we love but can't do on our own anymore? If it is vital to the community, who might we invite to partner with us to keep it going?
- ✠ **Trust** – What might we do to build more trust within our congregation as we move forward in this ministry model? How might we build trust between the churches?
- ✠ **Love** – How do we live our love for the One Body of Christ through the River Churches?

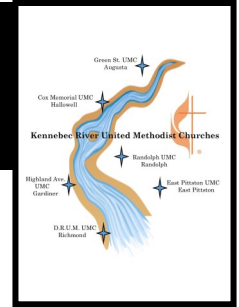
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The Cooperative Parish



The Journey Begins

*The church where we grew up is gone.
It fluttered like a dying swan,
Before it limped away and had no more to say.
Some say it lost its relevance;
could not produce the evidence.
The church was split apart. The Gospel lost its heart.*



Sandy Nisbet was right when he wrote in his latest song - “Our Song of Hope”- that “the church where we grew up is gone.” The church has evolved (and continues to evolve) since its beginning – and that’s okay! The one constant is God. He leads us, he guides us, and he picks us up when we fall just as he did with Peter in Matthew 14 when Peter tried to walk on water, lost faith, and began to sink.

*But God still smiles down from His Heaven
And He is still in control.
A remnant of the faithful still call upon His name.
His Spirit still feeds the Soul.*

What an amazing spiritual adventure we embark on – and what a challenge! The six River Churches have formed a cooperative parish and together, with the help of our new pastors, Pastor Angela Rotherham and Pastor Mauren Julião, and with God as our cornerstone, we begin this journey.

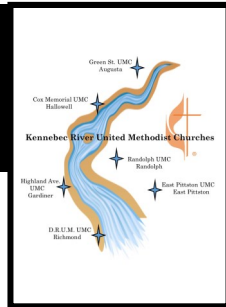
What is a cooperative parish? As stated in the book, [An Effective Approach to Cooperative Parishes](#) written by Kay Kotan who is the coach who is helping us with this journey –

“The cooperative parish model is rooted in our Wesleyan heritage as Methodists. American Methodists were founded as a movement of laity served by circuit riders. Often churches had a circuit rider (a pastor traveling from parish to parish on horseback) only once every six weeks or so. The rest of the time, the preaching, discipleship (teaching), and the church’s business were conducted by the church laity. Classes and bands were held to help form one another in discipleship, offer support and encouragement, and hold one another accountable for their faith journeys.... The cooperative parish provides the opportunity to recapture our roots and reconsider our ministry settings.”

So -- although Pastor Angela and Pastor Mauren will not be riding horseback to the local churches, they will obviously not be preaching in the six churches each week. But the exciting part of this is that, as you’ve begun to see already, we get to experience rich and diverse messages from many different pastors and lay speakers from our own Cooperative Parish and beyond.

And we are not alone. A Cooperative Parish Council and a Cooperative Pastor Parish Relations Committee has been formed as you will read about in this newsletter (page 4). We have also been working closely with Randolph UMC to find pastors and lay speakers who will lead our worship services when Pastor Angela and Pastor Mauren are not available. Ralph Cheney, our music minister, has already put one Music Sunday together, and is planning another one for the end of October. Pastor Angela is reaching out to the Worship Committee chairs of each church to provide input regarding worship going forward. We will be asking members of our community of faith to help with prayer and feedback as we continue with this journey. As mentioned earlier, the Conference has provided a coach who is experienced in the development of cooperative parishes to work with our churches for the next year. We are exploring joint Bible studies, mission projects, cooperative choirs, Christmas fairs, and more.

The Cooperative Parish



JOURNEY

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We have already seen some wonderful benefits of this cooperative parish. When Bev. Fernald LaPlante reached out to us regarding help with Chrysalis Place, Pastor Angela suggested sharing this need with the other churches in the Parish and we have had a wonderful response. As in Nehemiah 3, “Many hands make light work!” We’ve had some wonderful messages in the past month and look forward to many more. Bishop Peggy Johnson is joining us on September 10 and all the churches of the Cooperative Parish will join us at Highland Avenue to worship with her.

So yes, this is a process. For it to work, we need to all join together and use our gifts to make a success of the River Churches Cooperative Parish and to continue God’s work. We are all human, and we will make mistakes, but God will be there to pick us up and set us on the right path again. We are asking for patience; this is a two-year commitment and hopefully when we reach that two-year point, we will be so excited about what we have experienced that we will want to continue. You are an important part of this journey. Patsy Tessier and Pat McKee are our representatives to the Parish Council, but they need your input! If you have questions for them, their contact information is included below. Please be an active part of this spiritual journey in whatever way you can. Together, we can do this! Thanks be to God!

*Where shall we go from here, my friends?
Shall we embrace the latest trends,
And just hope for the best,
Becoming like the rest?*

*Or shall we cry out to the Heavens,
And pray for guidance from above?
I say the time has come for revival.
A spiritual burst of God’s love.*

*Bless us, O Lord!
Our hearts shall be restored!
Our spirits will rise!
Lord, hear our cries to You!
Help see us through.
Help us be true to you.*

Many thanks to Sandy Nisbet who allowed us to include the lyrics of his latest composition “Our Song of Hope” ©2023

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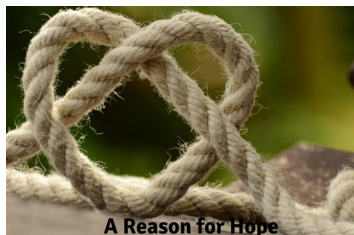
- ✝ **Hope** – What hope does a cooperative parish model offer our shrinking and aging congregations?
- ✝ **Selflessness** – What do we need to let go of in order to see God’s vision come to light? When do “my” desires need to take a back seat to the needs of the greater community?
- ✝ **Grace** – How do we stay open to the movement of the Holy Spirit? What does forgiveness look like when we try something and it doesn’t work out? How do we stay open to hearing one another?

But hey! Wait! Just as the author of Ecclesiastes introduces a third layer at the end of the passage, we have to remember that we are not just 6. We are 7 - we have God with us, in the presence of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not just another strand in the cord - the Spirit “binds us together,” helping us to be both resilient AND flexible together.

*Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together in love.
There is only one God, there is only one King;
There is only one body, that is why we sing.*

(Bind Us Together, TFWS #2226)

With our prayers and love,
Pastors Angela & Mauren



A Reason for Hope

Cooperative Parish Structure



The Cooperative Parish Structure

In the River Churches Cooperative Parish, there are two ongoing and permanent Parish Committees: The Parish Council and Parish PPRC. Each local church will continue to maintain its own independent Administrative Council/Board, Trustees, SPRC, Finance and any other teams useful to their mission and ministry. We also have some temporary teams at the Parish and local church level. The Parish Coordinating Team, the Local Church Parish Visioning Team, and the Parish Vision Pray-ers. As we progress in developing our system and structure, these teams may either shift their focus/purpose or dissolve altogether.

Parish Council – This permanent committee is made up of the Parish treasurer and two representatives from each local church: the SPRC Chair and Lay Leader OR their delegates as voted on by the local church council/board. In the first 18 months (2023-2024), the Council will have a self-elected secretary who will work with the pastors to create agendas, call meetings, and share minutes. It is anticipated that a Council Chair and Secretary will then be self-elected for 2025. This is the team that will be coached for one year (July 2023 – June 2024). This team makes decisions related to the life of the whole Parish. This includes, but is not limited to: visioning; implementing a shared program of nurture, outreach, and witness; and financial decisions related to the Parish treasury including creating a parish budget and authorizing its audit annually. During our coaching season, the Council members will communicate learning/input back and forth between their Local Church Parish Visioning Team. The Council will be responsible for creating and dissolving Parish teams as necessary through our evolution.

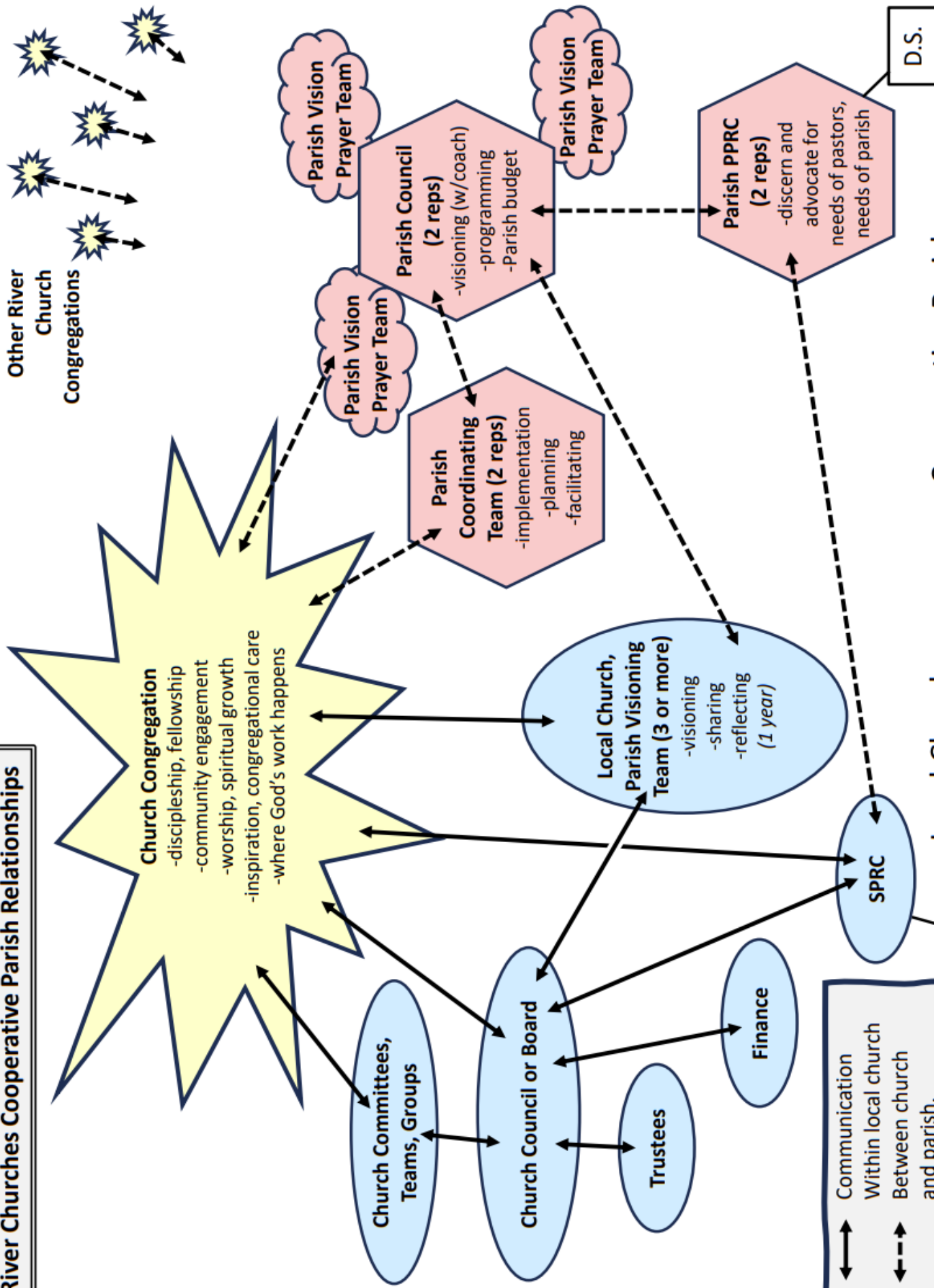
Parish PPRC – This permanent committee is made up of SPRC Chairs and Lay Leaders from each local church. In the rare case when both those positions are held by the same person, the local church may elect another member of their local church SPRC to sit on this committee. The PPRC handles all matters related to the pastors and the needs of the cooperative parish ministry as a whole: ¶258.2 “The committee shall assist the pastor(s)... in assessing their gifts, maintaining health holistically and work-life balance, and setting priorities for leadership and service. This committee will make a recommendation annually to the Parish Council regarding the pastors' salaries. They will select their own chairperson who will serve as primary contact with the DS. In instances where only one local church has concerns it wishes to share with the pastors, the issues may be handled at the local church SPRC level.

Parish Coordinating Team – This team is made up of two representatives from each church. Their role is to coordinate events and worship schedules among all six churches. They are tasked with creating opportunities for shared events. They also support the ministries of each church by communicating needs and concerns back to their local congregation and facilitate the sharing of resources (volunteers, supplies, etc.). The members of this team should not be serving on the Parish Council or PPRC in an effort to include as many people as possible in the development and growth of the cooperative parish.

Local Church Parish Visioning Team – Each local congregation will have its own Parish Visioning Team which may operate more as a Wesleyan class or small group. Made up of at least 3-4 members/

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River Churches Cooperative Parish Relationships



↔ Communication
 Within local church
 ↔ Between church and parish.
 (.) Number of church members on each Parish body is shown in parentheses (.).

Meet Our New Pastors



Pastor Angela Rotherham



Angela Rotherham grew up as an Air Force brat but with deep roots in Maine. Her father's family can trace their roots to German immigrants who helped to settle Waldoboro and her mother's family came over on the Mayflower (but quickly moved north!). Both her parents grew up in the Bangor area. For a few years they were stationed at Loring AFB in the County, but other than that, moved all over the United States and spent two tours in England. She graduated with honors from Mount Holyoke College in 1998. Since 1999, she has chosen to live and work in Maine performing a wide variety of jobs before answering her call to ministry. She received a Master of Divinity from Bangor Theological Seminary in 2011. She served one year as a student pastor at the Hampden Highlands UMC, served the Orono UMC for a year as their Sunday School Superintendent, started her first appointment as a Local Pastor in 2010 at Corinna UMC, was commissioned and appointed to Peaks Island from 2012-2019, and has been serving the Wayne Community Church since then. Her

husband, Dan, is from England and is a driver and warehouse worker for a car-part distribution company. They have two cats, Penny & Jinx, who they adore as their fur babies.

"I am excited about this appointment to the River Churches Cooperative Parish because it has the potential of helping us all return to our Methodist roots. At one time, the local church belonged to the community and the people who lived there; a pillar of the community that everyone knew they could lean on when times were tough and a place to celebrate life's most precious milestones. Together we will get to define what it means to flourish, to have vital and healthy ministries, and to connect with a vision of being part of Christ's ONE Body."



Pastor Mauren Julião



Mauren Julião is from Brazil, where she served the Methodist Church for more than 20 years as a pastor's wife and lay member of the church, six of them as a local pastor. She had a missionary experience in the Brazilian Amazon, where she helped to plant a church and worked training lay members and evangelists. Teaching is an emphasis in her ministry, and she has produced biblical studies for adults and young adults within the National Sunday School Department in Brazil for six years. Writing is one of her passions. She also loves to listen to people, pray, and work with discipleship. In the U.S. she has been

serving Brazilian communities as a lay member and pastor's wife, working with women's ministry, training, and food pantries coordination.



Worship Moments



Summer Worship at Highland Avenue UMC

We have been blessed to have very special worship services this summer. Thanks to Cindy Malcolm for providing us with these wonderful memories.



Pastor Mauren Julião



Rev. John Cheney



Ralph Cheney, Phil Garwood, Sandy Nisbet, and Gary Jamison



Kathy Patrick, Randolph UMC



Sandy Nisbet



Rev. Desmond Parker



The Band—Ralph Cheney, Lynn Cheney, Heather Brown, Phil Garwood Sandy Nisbet



Pastor Angela Rotherham



Lynn Gerard

People in the News



Happy Birthday to:

September

- 1 David Hayward
- 2 Michelle Cronau
- 2 Crystal Meserve Farris
- 3 Scott Ramsay
- 3 Kaitlyn Johnson
- 9 Donna Lufkin
- 10 Abbie McGee
- 15 Zachary Hicks
- 17 Lynn Gerard
- 19 Curt Malcolm
- 23 Alyssa Littlefield

October

- 2 Jean Knox
- 3 Cheryl Ramsay
- 3 Daniel Pidgeon
- 5 Kinley Janet Garwood
- 9 Kathy Damon
- 10 Elizabeth J. Bachelder Smith
- 11 Wilbur Shardlow
- 14 Dwight Cooper
- 14 Seth Wing
- 15 Meghann Gipson
- 15 Katlyn Morissette
- 20 Matthew Drost
- 20 Dale Sherburne
- 21 Michael Hicks
- 21 Allyce Pepin
- 23 Kristin Hicks
- 27 Jacob Sparrow



November

- 7 Dawn Alexis Danforth
- 14 Aaron Toman
- 20 Kristin Marks
- 20 Jaye Trimm
- 20 Nicole Shardlow
- 21 Aaron Drost
- 23 Jan Moore
- 26 Josh Rush
- 27 Shirley Sansouci DeSalvo
- 28 Tyler Wing
- 29 Alaina Bell Chadbourne

Wishing a Happy Anniversary to:

- David and Kitty Cogley - Sept. 6
- Wilbur and Naomi Shardlow - Sept 6
- Harold and Lynn Gerard - Nov. 1
- Brad and Nancy Sparrow - Nov. 18
- Gene and Joan Anastasio - Nov. 27

Baptisms



✝ On June 11, Addison Blayke Chadbourne was baptized into the faith during our worship service. Addison is the daughter of Lee-anne and Caleb Chadbourne and sister to Alaina. She is the granddaughter of Paula and Rusty Greenleaf, niece of Lindsey Greenleaf, and great granddaughter of Connie Greenleaf and Sandra and Robert Wood and Denny and Kim Greenleaf.

and Lauren, and great granddaughter of Connie Greenleaf and Sandra and Robert Wood and Denny and Kim Greenleaf.



✝ Darleen Young received the Sacrament of Baptism on June 18 during worship.

Welcome to our church family!

New Great-Grandson



Naomi and Wilbur Shardlow became great-grandparents to Travis Virgil on August 3. Travis is the son of granddaughter, Madelyn Willey and Carter Patterson.

Congratulations and God's Blessings!

Caring Team



Caring Team Visits

The Caring Team has been busy visiting various Senior Living facilities in the area. Sandy Nisbet has written about each visit and Heather Brown and Cindy Malcolm have provided us with some wonderful pictures:

The Alzheimer's Center in Gardiner

Cindy Malcolm, Patty Martin, and Sandy Nisbet entertained the folks at the Alzheimer's Center on Dresden Ave. in Gardiner recently. Various members of the HAUMC Care Team have now visited the facility six times and we have always been enthusiastically received by a high energy group that enjoys getting up to dance around a bit. We intend to continue our visits on a monthly basis.



Sandy Nisbet



Cindy Malcolm



Patti Martin

Caring Team



The Pierce House in Farmington

A group from the HAUMC Care Team went to visit Joan Cummings at the Pierce House in Farmington recently. Joan was pleased to say that she enjoys her new home and is glad to be in Farmington where she and Bill had lived for some years. She misses her friends at church though, and appreciated Patsy, Kay, Heather and Sandy stopping in to sing a few songs and chat for a while.



Patsy Tessier, Kay Gregory, Heather Brown with Joan



Sandy Nisbet

The Woodlands in Hallowell



Vicki Record, Heather Brown with Vicki's mom, Gerry Leeman



Sandy Nisbet

Recently Vicki's mother made Woodlands Senior Living of Hallowell her new home, so the Care team was eager to visit her and entertain her neighbors there. Sandy sang while everyone was enjoying their mid-day meal. Afterward, Vicki, Heather and Sandy visited Gerry Leeman in her lovely apartment. Plans are being made to go again on September 3 at 12:30pm.

Committee and Group News



Worship Committee

Worship Committee as of 7/20/2023

Pastor Angela will be taking her last scheduled vacation the week of September 17, but she will be joining Pastor Mauren on September 10 as our Bishop, Rev. Peggy Johnson joins the River Churches for worship. **All churches will join at Highland Avenue at 10:00 am on that day.**

This is the worship schedule as of the July date. Everything is subject to change but hopefully this is the schedule:

- September 3** Rev. John Cheney returns
- September 10** Pastor Angela and Pastor Mauren will lead the service, the Bishop will be here and there will be a potluck fellowship following the service. There is a large celebration at Camp Mechawana in the afternoon and supper will be served. A busy and wonderful day.
- September 17** Marilyn Stevens (retired Elder)
- September 24** Anne Carter (Cox Memorial)

Moving on to October and November:

- October 1** Rich Hughen from South Portland
- October 8** Pastor Angela
- October 15** Pastor Mauren
- October 22** Art Dostie (Cox Memorial)
- October 29** Music Sunday
- November 5** Pastor Angela All Saint's Sunday
- November 12** Pastor Angela
- November 19** Kathy Patrick (Randolph)

Our next meeting is Tuesday October 17 at 9:00 am usually in the sanctuary. As this new collaboration is in it's beginning we have as many questions as you do but please if anyone has ideas (which we love) or questions please get in touch with me and I will do my best to answer them or get in touch with someone who can.

God Bless all of you!!
 Connie Greenleaf
 Worship chairperson

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constituents of the local church, these folks will be asked to commit to one year (July 2023-June 2024) alongside the members of the Parish Council. The two Parish Council representatives will bring their learning to their local team for reflection, information sharing and input gathering. The Team will follow along in the same book the Council is using with the coach. The team will be the conduit through which information reaches the local congregation and local church leadership. They will offer constructive feedback about what is working and what isn't. In this way, they will help the Council shape the structure, design, vision, and ministry of the River Churches Cooperative Parish.

Parish Vision Pray-ers – This is a group of folks from within the local church who are designated pray-ers for the Parish Council. Members of the Council will communicate with the designated pray-er(s) from their local church about when the Council is meeting and the topic the Council will be learning about with the coach. The intention is to bathe all our work in prayer so the Holy Spirit is always at the center of what we decide and do. The pray-ers do not need to meet together in person or on zoom, but are asked to set aside time on a regular basis to pray for the Parish.

UNITED METHODIST MEN The United Methodist Men will be meeting for breakfast on September 16 and tentatively on October 21. The men will be coordinating the Community Supper for October as well. For

more information, contact
Phil Garwood at 582-8301 or
garwoodmitchel@myfairpoint.net

Outreach Opportunities



News From Chrysalis Place!

The volunteers at Chrysalis Place (many of whom are from the congregation of HAUMC) have been plenty busy for the past few months! We have experienced a 20% increase in the number of clients coming to us for food orders! On Tuesday night and Thursday afternoons we have been packing food orders at a pretty good pace in order to keep up with the requests - not to mention the volunteers who have been drafted into driving to Auburn to pick up food, or those who have been stocking the shelves, making out orders and driving their vehicles to deliver to those unable to come to us!

There is a definite need in the six communities that we serve for food for households who have not experienced that need in the past and we are truly happy to fill that need! In the last year we served 1802 total households and the number is rising. At the same time, as we all know, food prices have risen. When this happens, it is the worst case scenario. I literally thank God that the folks of HAUMC are so generous with their time, talents, food items and monetary gifts! Without your support and that of others, our friends and neighbors would truly be in dire straights. We will be making available a brand new brochure very soon (I am making certain that HAUMC receives one of the first copies) that has the statistics to help illustrate the need and the numbers of folks who have been helped by our programs. Our Picnic Basket project had 89 folks who received supplemental food at the end of June. We have had one session of three cooking demonstrations given by a Chef/Instructor from Maine General Health focusing on nutritious recipes (complete with recipes and free samples). Our home

delivery program now has 49 households registered for the monthly delivery and our monthly total household number is averaging 135 households for the months of June and July.

We will be launching a fundraising campaign to collect much needed funds as we head into the fall and winter (I'll also be certain HAUMC receives the letter and donation forms for that also!!). We are working diligently to serve our communities to reduce food insecurity but we absolutely rely on your support and want to acknowledge with sincere gratitude both the depth and breadth of that support. People giving time, energy, food and money to their friends and neighbors is truly a genuine mission and the congregation of Highland Avenue United Methodist does all of that! Thank you so much for helping us to help others!

Bev. Fernald Laplante

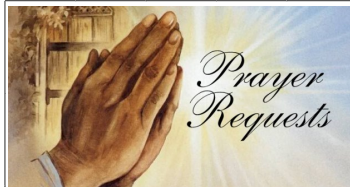


Camp Mechuwana

Sunday, September 10: Celebrate 75 Years of Mechuwana with us in the afternoon. The waterfront will be open for swimming from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. Worship begins at the Commons at 2:30 p.m., followed by an early supper. RSVP to campmechuwana@gmail.com.

Sunday, November 5: Annual Drive-thru Harvest Supper For just \$5 per meal, you will get a delicious full harvest supper of chicken, vegetables, dessert, and more. Place your orders via email (mechuwana@fairpoint.net) before November 1. Meals are \$5 each, but donations are welcome. All funds raised support the camp.

In Our Prayers



Please Pray For:

Cheryl Anastasio
 Kim Backus
 Matt Backus' aunt
 Kari Linton Barrett
 Doug & Sandra Bowie
 Eydie Breed
 Chris Call
 Peter Chandler
 Henry Charest
 Gretchen Clark
 Larry Colgan
 Beth Dimond Comeau
 Dwight Cooper
 Betty Crocker
 The Crocker Family
 Edward Crosby III
 Nena Cunningham
 Kimberly Curry &
 Michael Preston
 Emmett DeMerchant
 Jaime Denbow
 Peter Dennis
 Donna DiTaranto
 Maddy Dostie
 Olivia Dulany

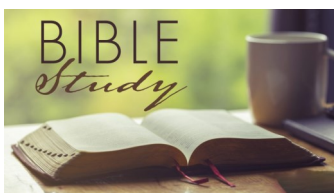
Nick Dunton
 Tom Dunton
 Baby Emma
 Carol Fahnestock
 Tami Ferguson
 Michael Flynn
 Heidi Haskell
 Les Henshaw
 Hobson Family
 Lynn Gerard
 Ryan and Brittany
 Salley Gero
 Laineey Goodwin
 Becky Hanson
 Sandy & Russell Hickey
 and family
 Bea Hicks
 Becky Hicks
 Rob Hicks
 Bart Hill
 Alan Hynson
 David Hynson
 Jim Hynson
 Bob Jackson
 Linda Jamison
 Shannon Jamison
 Pamala K's Mama Jean
 Jack Kolwalski
 Kevin Kramer
 Emily LaBonte

Rob Lajoie
 Sonny Leathers
 Lisa
 Rick Lovely
 Judy Lumbert
 Betsy Mankins
 Darlene Manzo
 Mason (9 yr. old)
 Cameron McAllister
 Rick McKenna
 Joe McVety
 Bonny Merrill
 Holly Meserve
 Ian Michaud
 Dan Mullins
 Dennis O'Driscoll
 Carla Parsons
 Joe Phillips
 Kathy Pond
 Matthew Quint
 Cora Ramsay
 The Ramsay Family
 Flo Rost
 Rhonda Rush
 Pam Shaw
 Sam Shaw
 Steven Smith
 Verne Smith
 David Snow
 Edyth Spackman

Kristin Stahl
 Carolyn Szady
 Terry Tatlock and
 family
 Penelope Tcimpidis
 Lisa Thibeau
 Casi Totten
 Vern Tourtelotte and
 family
 John True
 Mary Turcotte
 Mike Veilleux
 Barbara Veregge
 The Verhille/Tinkham
 families
 Kirk Webber
 Madelyn Willey
 William
 Paula Works & her
 husband

People of Maui
People of Vermont
Border Concerns
People of Ukraine
People of Afghanistan
Coronavirus Victims
Victims of Violence
Victims of Natural Disasters

New Parish Bible Study



Pastor Angela will be leading a Parish Bible Study this fall based on the book "Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible

Again" by Rachel Held Evans.

We will meet in-person at Highland Ave UMC on Tuesday mornings at 10 am (gather at 9:30 am for catching up) and via ZOOM on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm on October 3, 10, 17, 24, November 7,

and 14. (No gathering on 10/31)

"New York Times bestselling author Rachel Held Evans invites readers on a journey of rediscovery as she explores the magic of the Bible, engaging the old, familiar stories in new ways that honor the past and enlighten the present."

The zoom link will be made available closer to the date.

Pastor Mauren will offer the next study probably beginning in January.

