

# STEEPLENOTES

*A Newsletter of  
The Foreside Community Church  
United Church of Christ*

*October 2017*



*Connecting to God*

*Nurturing Community*

*Discovering how our lives  
make a difference*

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***Never put a period where God has put a comma.***

*~Gracie Allen~*

Beloved Community,

The quote above was contained in the last letter Gracie Allen wrote to her husband, George Burns. The instructions were for him to open the letter after her passing. Gracie and George, a renowned comedy team were together for over forty years. After all those years of partnership, Gracie feared that her death might become a “period” in her husband’s life, so she encouraged him to see her passing as merely a comma placed by God in his life. There was more to come!

In 2004, the United Church of Christ adopted Gracie’s quote for a national campaign. *Never put a period where God has put a comma. God is still speaking.* The *Still Speaking media* campaign was an effort to counter the prevailing cultural view of Christianity as a rigid religion locked in time, populated by biblical literalists who railed against science, who looked down on other religious expressions and who excluded any they deemed “sinners.” The UCC was a denomination that embraced critical thinking, became an advocate and agent for justice, moved beyond doctrinal perfection as a qualification for being “Christian,” and fostered the idea of “extravagant hospitality,” welcoming all.

It was our reformation heritage that made the *Still Speaking* campaign possible. Such expressions of dissent are in our theological and historical DNA. You might say that Jesus was the first proponent and religious reformer. His life and ministry challenged religious practices that excluded “sinners,” kept the power and authority in the hands of a religious hierarchy, and funneled what little wealth there was into temple coffers. In Jesus Christ, God was still speaking.

In 1517, a priest, teacher and preacher, Martin Luther famously tacked his 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Cathedral. His purpose was to start a conversation around certain practices of the Catholic Church with which Luther took issue. The primary one was the selling of indulgences by the church to pay for repairs to St. Peter’s in Rome. An indulgence was remission of temporal punishment (a purification process, known as Purgatory). Indulgences were granted by the church and could be received by those willing to commit to the saying of certain prayers, going on pilgrimage, or performing charitable acts. In the late Middle Ages, the practice of granting indulgences was commercialized. Luther’s protest was based on his understanding of scripture that taught salvation could not be purchased and was possible through the grace of God alone.

Luther started more than a conversation. He started a revolution. His theses led eventually to his own ex-communication from the church, and the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Luther wanted to make the faith and God accessible to all. He famously

said that theology should be so simple that a “milkmaid” would understand it. In his way, Luther was proclaiming that God was still speaking. The church was stuck behind a very large period and Luther was inserting a comma, if you will.

The UCC is an offspring of the Reformation that began five hundred years ago this month and it’s important that we honor that heritage, learn about it, and understand how it informs who we are as a Christian voice in the world today. I am happy to quote a member and my fellow teacher in our Reformation Study Series, John Bischof, who succinctly listed some of the “gifts” of the reformation - things that we prize in the UCC, but would not have but for the courage of Martin Luther. (I added a brief addition to #4.)

**1. Freedom of conscience** – no one can tell us what to believe, and we all have the right to appeal to scripture or, better yet, to the Wesleyan quadrilateral of scripture, tradition, reason, and experience.

**2. Reliance on God’s grace** – no one can buy his or her way into heaven by doing things, whether by going to mass, saying prayers, giving to charity, or whatever; we are all imperfect, yet, even so, know that we are accepted by God.

**3. Equality of lay and clergy** – the clergy, while having special training and responsibilities, are not intermediaries between people and God and have no powers that ordinary lay people don’t have.

**4. Equality of men and women** – women are accepted in every role in the church. *(the idea of “equality” has extended beyond gender equality to include equality of all people regardless of race, gender identity, religion, culture or nationality. For example, the UCC ordained the first openly gay man to the ministry.)*

**5. Acceptance of human sexuality** – sexuality is to be enjoyed and is not limited to, nor solely for the purpose of, procreation.

**6. Autonomy of the local congregation** – and the concomitant understanding that power lies within the congregation as a whole – and the related concept of a free church in a free state.

As we describe ourselves in the UCC, we are “a reformed and reforming community.”

Blessed Be,  
**Janet**



## SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATES



Thank you to the 70 + members and friends who have completed the All-Church Survey. Your responses will help us to create our Church Profile, the document which will introduce Foreside Community Church to prospective pastoral candidates. If you haven't yet taken the survey, don't delay! The deadline is **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**. Click on the link below to make your voice heard:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ForesideCommunityChurchSurvey>

We have also scheduled a series of forums to provide an opportunity for further discussion about the future of FCC. We invite you to attend one or more of these informal meetings to be held at the church:

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** immediately after church

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**Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00PM

**Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>** immediately after church

**Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00PM

You may also reach out to a Search Committee member. Thank you for your participation in this important process.

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Please note that due to the Maine Marathon, **FCC services on Sunday, October 1 are cancelled**. Please be sure to join us on **Sunday, October 8 when we celebrate World Communion Day**, as well as our **mission moment**, at which time we will hear more about the widely supported program **Family Promise** from recruitment member Faith Moritz.



## A REFORMATION OVERVIEW

John Bischof

October 31, 2017 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of what is known as the Protestant Reformation. We will be celebrating this in the coming weeks, not for the purpose of demonizing our Roman Catholic friends or for lionizing Martin Luther, deeply flawed that he was. Rather the idea is to reflect on who we are, how we got there, and what it is that we can be justly proud of.

In abbreviated form, how it all got started and on where we are now:

A few definitions might be helpful to put things in context:

**The Holy Roman Empire:** An area of central Europe comprising Germany among other lands. While nominally ruled over by an emperor, the constituent parts were to a large extent autonomous.

**Diet:** A conclave or congress at which the ecclesiastical and secular princes of the empire gathered to discuss and act upon matters of common interest.

**Wittenberg:** An obscure and small city far off the beaten track in a territory known as electoral Saxony, a territory ruled by a prince who protected Martin Luther and was generally sympathetic to his cause.

**Purgatory:** A realm in the afterlife where people went who neither bad enough for hell nor good enough for heaven. After a period of “purging,” the souls would go on to heaven.

**Indulgence:** Something that when obtained or granted acted as a remission of sins. The theory was that indulgences could be granted by the pope by drawing on the “treasury of merits” of Jesus Christ. An indulgence could have the effect of terminating or ending a soul’s stay in purgatory.

In the year 1517, the pope and certain secular authorities arranged for a sale of indulgences to indirectly fund a program for the rebuilding of St. Peter’s church in Rome. Traveling salesmen would go out through parts of the Holy Roman Empire and offer these indulgences for sale. One of the advertisements for the sale was the ditty, “When the coin in the coffer rings, a soul from purgatory springs.” Martin Luther, a monk and professor at the university in Wittenberg, was appalled by this sale of indulgences and in response on October 31, 1517 nailed to the door of the castle church in Wittenberg 95 so-called theses that he was willing to debate with anyone as to the impropriety of the sale of the indulgences. Whether any actual debate on theses ever

ensued seems unlikely. However, Luther sent copies of the theses to various ecclesiastics and others, and they spread like wildfire throughout the German lands of the Holy Roman Empire. None of this distribution could have occurred without the recent invention of the printing press.

At the risk of oversimplification, Luther’s point was that one cannot buy his or her way into heaven, whether by purchasing an indulgence, worshiping a relic, going on a pilgrimage, or whatever. One had to have faith in the grace of God and that salvation came through faith in that grace.

Luther’s theses met with replies from church and counter replies from Luther and at least one debate on the propositions espoused by Luther in his pamphlets. As the years went on, Luther’s position became ever more extreme, even going to the extent of attacking the authority of the pope, whom he labeled as the antichrist. Finally, Luther, who was given a safe conduct by the emperor was summoned to appear at a Diet in the German city of Worms [pronounced “Voormce”] to answer the charges of heresy. Although he anticipated that he would engage in a debate or a discussion whereby he might be proved wrong, he was instead told to either recant or face the consequences. Luther refused to recant and in April of 1521 stood before the assembled might of the Holy Roman Empire and said:

*“Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust in either the pope or in council alone, since it is well known that they often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. May God help me. Amen.”*

In reply, the emperor subsequently issued an edict saying: “For this reason we forbid anyone from this time forward to dare, either by words or deeds, to receive, defend, sustain, or favor the said Martin Luther.” Getting out before the issuance of the edict and still under safe conduct, Luther returned to Wittenberg (by way of an enforced protective custody in the Wartburg Castle). In the following years, he translated the Bible into German (a work of genius that greatly influenced the development of the German language), engaged in various polemics (often of a scurrilous, scatological, and vituperative nature), married a nun, and organized a new church in electoral Saxony. In due course, the leadership of the movement passed on to others but Luther’s place in history had been established.

The first phase of the Reformation ended in 1555 with the Peace of Augsburg, whereby it was agreed that the religion of the prince would be the religion of the subject, and both Lutheranism and Catholicism would be allowed to co-exist in the Holy Roman Empire.

The Reformation and its successor movements spread from Germany to Switzerland, the Netherlands, France (where it existed for a while), to Scandinavia, to England, and eventually to North America. The spirit of the Reformation lives on 500 years later in a small church in Cumberland County, Maine, where we either consciously or unconsciously treasure the things that make us who we are, knowing that they come to us, either directly or indirectly from those momentous days of long ago, namely:

**Freedom of conscience** – no one can tell us what to believe, and we all have the right to appeal to scripture or, better yet, to the Wesleyan quadrilateral of scripture, tradition, reason, and experience.

**Reliance on God’s grace** – no one can buy his

or her way into heaven by doing things, whether by going to mass, saying prayers, giving to charity, or whatever; we are all imperfect, yet, even so, know that we are accepted by God.

**Equality of lay and clergy** – the clergy, while having special training and responsibilities, are not intermediaries between people and God and have no powers that ordinary lay people don’t have.

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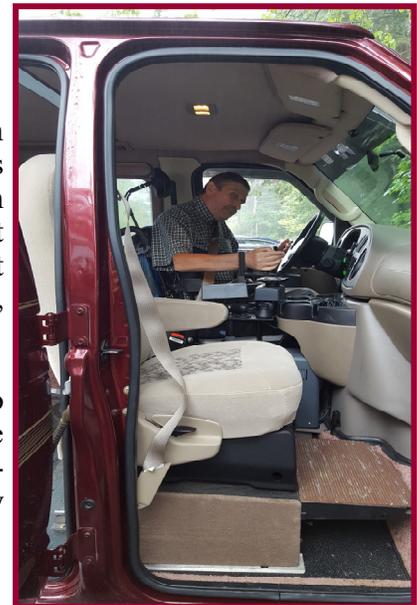
**Acceptance of human sexuality** – sexuality is to be enjoyed and is not limited to, or solely for the purpose of, procreation.

**Autonomy of the local congregation** – and the concomitant understanding that power lies within the congregation as a whole – and the related concept of a free church in a free state.

**Peter is Mobile Again!**

Peter Leeman drove to the office this past week in his newly acquired van which he received final delivery on in August. Peter shared that the van is larger, making it much easier to access in his chair, and also drives much easier than his old one, and that all of the specially designed equipment was very successfully installed and customized for him. He also stated that his very first solo driving destination upon acquiring ownership of the van, was a doctor’s appointment and then on to Skillins.

Peter wishes the congregation, and all those within the community who made this purchase financially possible, to know that being able to drive himself again, allows him to feel on par with those drivers that are not having to deal with the same physical limitations that are part of his everyday life.



*“Thank you again for all your support, and prayers, that have given me back my independence. I wish I could hold each and everyone of you and tell you personally how great your gift was.”*

*“God has blessed me with your friendship.”*

Peter Leeman

**A ROSTER OF UPCOMING EVENTS HERE AT FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH, AND UPDATES ON ADDITIONAL EVENTS SCHEDULED IN OCTOBER**

***HALLOWEEN IS COMING  
TIME TO DECORATE THE COOKIES***

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25  
2:00 TO 3:30 PM  
FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**THE MINISTRIES OF FELLOWSHIP AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INVITE YOU TO AN INTERGENERATIONAL GATHERING TO DECORATE COOKIES!**

**BRING YOU PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS, UNCLAS, COUSINS AND FRIENDS....EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**WE'LL BE MAKING SMALL PLATES OF COOKIES TO BRING HOME FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE AND SOME WILL BE BROUGHT TO FALMOUTH BY THE SEA (MORE INFO TO COME).**

For more info, contact Colleen Hutchinson, cahbookk@aol.com

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If anyone has a china cup and saucer collection and would be willing to part with one cup and saucer I could use about a dozen for a project for the Church Fair. You could give them to me at church or leave them on the stage marked with my name on them. *Thank you! Jill Fox*

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Due to scheduling constraints, there will not be a **MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP PROFILE** this month, but not to worry! Glenn and Peter will be back next month with this much enjoyed article!

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**The Foreside Book Club** got the third season off to a good start with a great discussion of A Man Called Ove. We unanimously loved the book and learned a lot about relationships from the "curmudgeon." **In October** we decided to read The

Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman. **Because of too many conflicts and activities during the third week in October, we agreed to delay our meeting until the fourth week which will be October 24 at 3:00 p.m.** The book is a true story in which the keepers of the Warsaw Zoo saved hundreds of people from Nazi hands. After their zoo was bombed, Polish zookeepers Jan and Antonina Zabinski managed to save over three hundred people from the Nazis by hiding refugees in the empty animal cages. With animal names for these "guests," and human names for the animals, it's no wonder that the zoo's code name became "The House Under a Crazy Star." Best-selling naturalist and acclaimed storyteller Diane Ackerman combines extensive research and an exuberant writing style to re-create this fascinating, true-life story—sharing Antonina's life as "the zookeeper's wife," while examining the disturbing obsessions at the core of Nazism. **Mark your calendars and start reading. We always welcome new readers and value everyone's opinions. FMI call Mimi Hinkel at 829-3578.**

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**The October 1 Maine Marathon refreshment station being sponsored by FCC, and facilitated by the Fellowship Committee, *still needs some volunteer hands.*** Please contact Colleen Hutchinson immediately if you can help. (781-3874 cahbookk@aol.com)

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**On October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM all fair volunteers are invited to a pot luck dinner at 35 Old Powerhouse Road – Park at PYC and come through the "party entrance" (behind the PYC dumpster!) or down the driveway, as driveway parking is limited.**

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### CHRISTMAS FAIR UPDATES

Christmas Fair – Fair prep is gearing up! This year the freezer will be full of **APPLE PIES** to buy, ready to bake in your own oven! *Yes, this is cherry, but you get the idea....*



In addition we will have all the old favorites....chili, candy, baked goods.....as well as the crafts and cozy knits and housewares and treasures and jewelry.....

Isn't it time to sort your closet, and china cupboard or basement? Is a treasure gathering dust on your shelves? Time to recycle it for the benefit of FCC! Your huddled masses are yearning to breathe free.... in someone else's home! Are you downsizing?

Bring your donations to the church, place them on the stage, and we will sort and price. And if you have second thoughts, you know where you can find them.....

Do you have a couple of hours to work on fair "stuff?" Come join us on any Thursday afternoon from 1-4 pm, or call Carol Ward 838-8235, and we can find a project that suits your interests and availability.

**(See note to left of this page as well regarding 10/1 Pot Luck for Volunteers!)**

Merry Merry!

*Carol*

**YOUTH GROUP**  
**Fall 2017**

Join other middle school students as we create a youth group based on YOUR interests and ideas.

Activities may include games, conversations and student led community service projects (and, of course, snacks!)

You are encouraged to invite friends to join!

• <b>WHEN</b> 1st & 3rd Sundays in Fall	• <b>September 17</b>
• <b>WHERE</b> FCC Parlor	• <b>October 1 &amp; 13</b>
• <b>WHO</b> 6th - 8th Graders & their Friends	• <b>November 3 &amp; 19</b>
• <b>COST</b> \$25 / year to cover cost of supplies & snacks	• <b>December 2 &amp; 19</b>

**All above gatherings are scheduled from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at FCC.**



You're Invited to an "Apple Pie Making Party"

**When: Sunday, Oct. 15th after coffee hour**  
**Where: Church kitchen**

Our goal is to make 30 pies to freeze for the church fair. We will supply the apples, pans and everything to put in the pie.

You need to bring your favorite crust ready to roll out. You can even use a packaged crust if that is your specialty.

We could use some people to peel apples and mix the fillings. If you have one of those fancy peelers you could bring it along or your favorite paring knife.

This could be a fun couple of hours. Please join us.



Please contact Jill Fox @ JFox10@maine.rr.com or 781-5144. I would like to have an idea of how people plan to attend and how many pies each plans to make.

***An Update from Jim and Pril~***

*Good news! Pril now walks with a Rollator walker with 4 wheels and a seat for sitting to rest. This provides a walker which gives her the ability to make longer steps and walk faster than her other walker. She has increased her mileage. Sunday she walked about 1 mile with lots of stops and rests. Imagine her walking a mile; a great achievement.*

*Yesterday she was given her one month evaluation. She was told she was doing well and will have continued support with Medicare coverage for another month. She will be evaluated each month and allowed, or not allowed, to continue coverage by Medicare. Believe me, I know she will receive more support and continue to progress.*

*To summarize, she is making great progress in strength and ability to move at a normal speed with safety.*

*Of course her spirit is great and her goals are being met. We can be very grateful she is doing so well. The doctor in charge of her rehab told us a month ago her healing would probably last about a year. If she continues her progress, and I am sure she will, I will have to take up running to stay up with her.*

***Love to all,  
pril and jim***

**Men's Monthly Breakfast****Saturday, October 7, 2017****7:15 to 9:00 a.m.****Members, Family, Friends,  
you are all invited!****FMI John Bischof @ 781-2391 or  
jegbischof@gmail.com****NOVEMBER 2017****STEEPLENOTES****ARTICLE****SUBMITTAL****DEADLINE****IS****Friday, October 20****by close of business.**

**FALMOUTH FOOD PANTRY ANNUAL  
COMMUNITY SUPPER  
TO BE HELD OCTOBER 19, 2017 4:30 to 7:00 pm  
@ FALMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

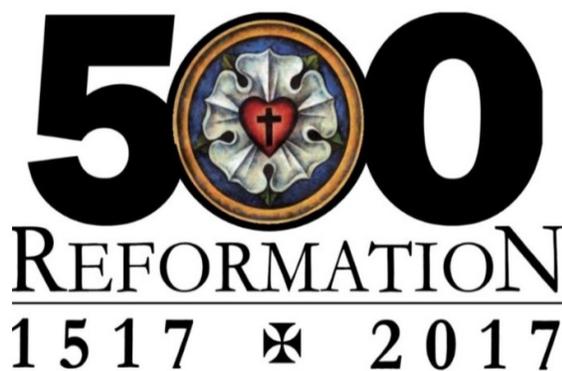
On Thursday, October 19, 2017, Falmouth's churches will host their ninth annual *Harvest Community Supper*, which has become popular as a community get-together and a way to support the Falmouth Food Pantry. The roast turkey supper with all the fixings will be held from 4:30 to 7:00 pm in Beinema Hall at the Falmouth Congregational Church. In addition to attending and offering up a free will donation, members of the Foreside Community Church will be donating turkeys, cooking the donated turkeys, and providing cooked butternut squash for casseroles. If you can **PLEASE** help with these food efforts, sign-up sheets are located on the side board in the narthex. The **cooked butternut squash** (directions also located on sign-up sheets) needs to be delivered to the Holy Martyr's church kitchen by 1:00 p.m. on the 19th. Cooked turkeys need to be delivered to Falmouth Congo by 3:30 p.m. on that date.



*FMI Dotty Blanchette at 239-2551 or doroathyb@maine.rr.com*

**PORTLAND NORTH CONSERVATION BURIAL GROUND**

A group is forming in the Portland north suburbs to work on the creation of a Conservation Burial Ground in one of our communities. The idea is to conserve a tract of land from development (between 10 and 50 acres) by providing a place for the natural burial of human bodies (using only natural, organic materials). This burial ground would be open to all people for natural burials and it would also remain open to the public for passive recreation. This group believes that this would provide a real benefit to our environment by removing toxic chemicals from the ground and carbon emissions from the air, and to our growing Portland area population by providing a very inexpensive and simple method for burial. If you would like to be part of this new project, please reach out to Fr. Nathan Ferrell at The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary in Falmouth at [nathanferrell@smary.org](mailto:nathanferrell@smary.org).



**A JOINT PROTESTANT AND ROMAN CATHOLIC  
SERVICE OF MUSIC, PRAISE, AND REPENTANCE**

**COME TO THANK GOD FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT'S  
WORK IN GUIDING THE CHURCH THROUGHOUT HIS-  
TORY AND ALSO TO CONFESS THE WAYS WE HAVE  
IGNORED THE SPIRIT AND BUILT WALLS OF DIVISION**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 5 PM**  
**HOSTED BY THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF SAINT MARY**  
*43 FORESIDE ROAD (RT. 88) IN FALMOUTH*

PLEASE JOIN US  
FOR  
Falmouth Land Trust's



**Thursday, October 5, 2017**  
**5:00-8:00 PM**

Hurricane Valley Farm, Schuster Road  
(off Rte. 100), Falmouth, Maine



*A Celebration of Open Space and Community Conservation!*  
Food, Beer/Wine, Conversation,  
Live Music, Raffle

Online tickets available at [www.falmouthlandtrust.org](http://www.falmouthlandtrust.org)  
\$40 in advance • \$50 at the door

Falmouth Congregational Church UCC  
267 Falmouth Rd. Falmouth, ME

## Side Door Coffee House

### Putnam Smith & Ashley Storrow

**Friday, October 13**  
**6:30 - 9 PM**  
Donations welcomed



Putnam Smith is an aspiring homesteader in the summer months at his log cabin in Maine and a nationally touring artist the rest of the year. Putnam could be a troubadour fresh from the 19th Century, yet this rootsy multi-instrumentalist songwriter is very much a storyteller for the modern age. He's had two albums reach into the top 5 on the national Folk & Bluegrass DJ Charts.

Since Ashley Storrow's debut release this past summer, called "An absolutely gorgeous record," by the Portland Press Herald. With a voice full of passion and tenderness, and the lyrical craft of a poet, Ashley's music draws you in. Ashley is originally from Massachusetts and now lives a stone's throw from the coast, in Maine.

Come enjoy a beverage and a snack and support the Arts!  
This is a family friendly evening. All are welcome!  
FMI: 781-3413 or [falmouthcongregationalchurch.org](http://falmouthcongregationalchurch.org)



PLEASE JOIN US for another *Welcome, New Mainers* event

## PIHCINTU

Maine's Multi-National Refugee and Immigrant Girls Chorus

**Sunday, October 15, at 4 PM**  
at Saint Mary's Auditorium  
followed by a reception provided by Wayside

43 Foreside Road, Falmouth  
Admission free ~ Donations accepted

*"Pihcintu: Welcoming immigrant children from around the globe, the Pihcintu Multicultural Chorus helps restart young lives."*

Acclaimed performances at the Kennedy Center and the NBC Today's Show! [Visit their website for amazing links!](#)




## Mornings With Friends

**October 18, 10:00-11:30**  
Tuttle Road United Methodist Church



Looking Back from the Gate

*A Story of Love, Art, and Dementia*

Come join us for a morning with friends!

Author Phyllis Chinlund will read from her memoir, *Looking Back from the Gate: A Story of Love, Art and Dementia* which recounts how she and her photographer husband "muddled through his Alzheimer's disease without ruining their lives." Examples of his photography will be featured.

FMI: [Deborah.gray48@gmail.com](mailto:Deborah.gray48@gmail.com) or [AIPCumberland.org](http://AIPCumberland.org)  
AIP: 207-829-2205 For Rides, call 829-3367  
Free and Open to the Public \* Coffee, Tea & Goodies

# October 2017 Foreside Community Church UCC

Be sure to check our website for changes/updates/additional scheduling at [www.foresidechurch.org](http://www.foresidechurch.org).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 No services ~ Maine Marathon (see page 4 for call for volunteers to man refreshment station) 4 to 6pm Youth Group	2 7pm Search Committee - in parlor	3 10am We Make the Road 1pm Prayer Shawl Knit 6:20pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Governing Board 7:30pm Bell Rehearsal	4 6:15pm Fellowship Ministry Monthly Mtg	5 1 to 4pm Christmas Fair Prep 4:30 to 5:30pm Meditation 5pm Land Trust Fest off site (see page 10)	6 4to6pm Guiding Eyes for the Blind puppy training in the Fellowship Hall Everyone is invited to observe!	7 7:15 to 9am Men's Monthly Breakfast
8 8:15am We Make the Road 9:30am Worship Service & Communion Mission Moment = Family Promise	9 Office closed in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day 7pm Reformation Study Group	10 10am We Make the Road 1pm Prayer Shawl Knitters 6:20pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Bell Rehearsal	11 6:15pm Fellowship Ministry Monthly Mtg	12 1 to 4pm Christmas Fair Prep 4:30 to 5:30pm Meditation 7pm Search Committee	13 4to6pm Guiding Eyes for the Blind puppy training in the Fellowship Hall Everyone is invited to observe!	14
15 (**see note below for more**) 8:15am We Make the Road 9:30am Worship Service 2 Church Discussion Forums, immed following & @ 4pm 4 to 6pm Youth Group	16 4:30pm J&O Ministry in parlor 7pm Reformation Study Group	17 10am We Make the Road 1pm Prayer Shawl Knitters 1pm Church Discussion Forum 6:20pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Bell Rehearsal	18 7pm Search Committee	19 1 to 4pm Christmas Fair Prep 4:30 to 5:30pm Meditation Community Supper off site (see page 9)	20 Deadline for November Steeplenotes article submittal	21
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29 8:15am We Make the Road 9:30am Worship Service 5pm Reformation Celebration at St. Mary's (see page 9)	30	31 10am We Make the Road 1pm Prayer Shawl Knit 6:20pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Bell Rehearsal 500th Anniversary of the Reformation				
**10/15/17 = see page 7 for apple pie group event following Coffee hour**						

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## DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR OCTOBER 2017

Sun., Oct. 1  
Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16  
Philippians 2:1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32

Mon., Oct. 2  
Psalm 42  
Exodus 18:1-12  
Philippians 1:3-14

Tues., Oct. 3  
Psalm 42  
Exodus 18:13-27  
Philippians 1:15-21

Wed., Oct. 4  
Psalm 42  
Exodus 19:9b-25  
Matthew 9:2-8

Thurs., Oct. 5  
Psalm 19  
Exodus 23:1-9  
Colossians 2:16-23

Fri., Oct. 6  
Psalm 19  
Exodus 23:14-19  
Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a

Sat., Oct. 7  
Psalm 19  
Exodus 23:10-13  
John 7:40-52

Sun., Oct. 8  
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
Psalm 19  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
Matthew 21:33-46

Mon., Oct. 9  
Psalm 119:49-56  
Deuteronomy 5:1-21 1  
Peter 2:4-10

Tues., Oct. 10  
Psalm 119:49-56  
Deuteronomy 5:22—6:3  
2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Wed., Oct. 11  
Psalm 119:49-56  
Deuteronomy 6:10-25  
John 11:45-57

Thurs., Oct. 12  
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
Exodus 24:1-8  
1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14

Fri., Oct. 13  
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
Exodus 24:9-11  
James 4:4-10

Sat., Oct. 14  
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
Exodus 24:12-18  
Mark 2:18-22

Sun., Oct. 15  
Exodus 32:1-14  
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14

Mon., Oct. 16  
Psalm 97  
Exodus 32:15-35  
Jude 17-25

Tues., Oct. 17  
Psalm 97  
Exodus 33:1-6  
Philippians 3:13—4:1

Wed., Oct. 18  
Psalm 97  
2 Kings 17:7-20  
John 6:25-35

Thurs., Oct. 19  
Psalm 99  
Exodus 33:7-11 3  
John 9-12

Fri., Oct. 20  
Psalm 99  
Exodus 31:1-11  
1 Peter 5:1-5

Sat., Oct. 21  
Psalm 99  
Exodus 39:32-43  
Matthew 14:1-12

Sun., Oct. 22  
Exodus 33:12-23  
Psalm 99  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22

Mon., Oct. 23  
Psalm 63:1-8  
Exodus 40:34-38  
Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20

Tues., Oct. 24  
Psalm 63:1-8  
Numbers 12:1-9  
Revelation 18:21-24

Wed., Oct. 25  
Psalm 63:1-8  
Numbers 13:1-2, 17—14:9  
Matthew 17:22-27

Thurs., Oct. 26  
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  
Deuteronomy 31:14-22  
Titus 1:5-16

Fri., Oct. 27  
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  
Deuteronomy 32:1-14, 18  
Titus 2:7-8, 11-15

Sat., Oct. 28  
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  
Deuteronomy 32:44-47  
John 5:39-47

Sun., Oct. 29  
Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46

Mon., Oct. 30  
Psalm 119:41-48  
Numbers 33:38-39  
James 2:8-13

Tues., Oct. 31  
Psalm 119:41-48  
Exodus 34:29-35  
James 2:14-26

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