Steplenotes

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"Come inside, join us, you are welcome here!" (**see page 9) Connecting to God

Nurturing Community

Discovering how our lives make a difference

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The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ~Isaiah 58:11~

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the garden and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ~John 20:1~

Beloved Community,

Wednesday we recalled the expulsion of Adam and Eve the light of that mystery. Just ask Mary Magdalene who from that garden. On Easter Sunday, we return to the went from deep grief to hope and to joy. Just ask Peter garden having come full circle. The image of the gar- the denying deserter who became the rock. Just ask den appeals to me especially this year as I stare out the Saul the persecutor who became Paul the Apostle. Look window at the frozen grimy piles of snow that cover the at your own lives and recall the moments of crucifixion gardens around my home. That Easter is upon us and that were redeemed by the moments of resurrection, the snow shows no sign of melting, reminds me of the when life bloomed in the hard ground of human experiwords from the T.S. Eliot's poem Wasteland, "April is ence, when green overcame the barren brownness of the cruelest month." Though I know he was not refer- despair. ring to Aprils in Maine, the words seem apt to me. Easter, however, is not a meteorological event; it is not contingent on the weather. It arrives regardless of the both sadness and joy. Many of you are experiencing greening, or *not* greening, of the spring.

titled "Brown into Green." In it I suggested that one brown into green on more than one occasion. way to understand the biblical narrative was as the story of a people in partnership with God turning brown into green. In much of the Hebrew scriptures the image be well, all manner of things shall be well. of the watered and lush oasis or garden was the metaphor for God's promise of restoration and life. I sug- Easter Blessings, gested that the work of the church was to do much the **Janet** same - To offer life in a world that at times seems brown and desolate, much like a garden in need of water.

That the resurrection happens in a garden is entirely appropriate, the antithesis of the hard, rocky hill of Golgotha, (the place of the skull, as it is translated). The Resurrection may be the ultimate example of God turning a hard, unforgiving fact such as death into the green of new life and hope.

Some of us view the whole story with skepticism. We are unsure what to do with it, but whether the

resurrection is or is not factual, it is true. It's the deepest and truest of all mysteries because lives that were shat-The Bible opens in a garden, and on Ash tered and lost have been reclaimed and made whole in

As I think ahead to the 29th, I am filled with similar emotions. As we move forward, I remind you (and myself) that we are Easter people, we are people This April, the month is bookended by two im- of that garden. Both corporately and as individuals, our portant Sundays: Easter on April 1st and my final ser- very lives embody the possibility of resurrection, the vice on April 29th. As this is my last Steeplenotes letter, promise of the garden with its breadth of life. Over the I am feeling a need to reflect on both. In casting about last nine years, we have experienced the cycles of the for a possible thread to draw these two Sundays togeth- garden, of life and death, and, to quote the poet, Wener, I found myself going back to the first Sunday I dall Berry, we have "practiced resurrection," and come preached at FCC, in June 2009. It was my candidating out the other side a stronger community hopeful for the sermon and I used the above Isaiah text for a sermon future and committed to the journey. We have turned

What ever happens, All shall be well, all shall



Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Come Celebrate With Us!

Maundy Thursday March 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Communion and Service of Tenebrae

Good Friday Vigil in Sanctuary

March 30 - 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The sanctuary will be open to all for reading, quiet meditation, or just watching...

Easter Sunday April 1

Sunrise Service & Communion

6:00 a.m.

Town Landing in Falmouth

Easter Worship

Services at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. With Chancel Choir, Towne Lyne Ringers and Other Special Music Offerings

A children's Easter egg hunt will be held between the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services!

Everyone is invited to join in the fun ~ but don't forget to bring your basket!



Dear church members and friends,

Many of you have asked how we will be honoring Janet on her last Sunday as our pas-

tor, April 29. Her 9-year ministry here has been deep and meaningful, and we want to celebrate that. The ministries have had, or are having, farewell meetings with her. In addition, some of you are planning your own personal farewell conversations. We hope that you can also join the whole church in celebration. Here is the overall plan so far.

Janet is planning worship for April 29. Worship will include a special section for saying farewell to a pastor, thanking her for her ministry and releasing her from pastoral obligations. The choir and our music staff, Trevor and David, are planning special music.

Everyone is invited to join us downstairs after worship for a party, with decorations, gourmet sandwiches, and a short and joyful program. Janet and Tom are aware that this party is happening. We hope you can come, too. Your presence will mean a lot to everyone as we say farewell and prepare for our future together.

You can help with the celebration on April 29 in several ways. Beforehand, you can send a card to Janet at the church address marked "party;" our church office manager Christina will collect them in a basket to present to her at the party. If you wish, you may send a check made out to the church with "Janet" in the lower left; for confidentiality, address the envelope to the church office. For the lunch, you may bring a salad, dessert, beverage, or help with clean-up. You can record your dish donation, or offer to help by going to www.perfectpotluck.com and then entering "Gilpin" for coordinator's last name prompt, and "Janet" for password. On Saturday, April 28, Pete Ventre will be coordinating table set up. If you can help, please leave your name at the office prior to that date.

April 29 is going to be a great celebration. Thank you for joining us as we send Janet and Tom off with our blessing.

Sincerely.

Your celebration team, co-chaired by Susan Gilpin and Glenny Dunbar

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Pastoral Search Committee is pleased to announce that we have begun initial video conference interviews with pastoral candidates. It seems our prospectus was warmly received; we've had quite a few applicants that we are diligently reviewing, rating and discussing. While we know this process will take some time, we have been quite pleased thus far at the quality of the applicants and are optimistic that after our first round of phone interviews, we'll be able to move on to more in-depth in-person interviews. As this is a process of discernment and calling, we recognize that our next settled pastor may not be in our first round of applicants and as such, we are committed to taking the time needed to find the right person.

It should also be noted that those who have read our profile have a solid sense of who we are as congregation and so it appears that we effectively communicated FCC's character, mission and values. We hope that our intentional and thoughtful profile will awaken a calling in our next settled pastor and make finding our match all the more intuitive and clear.

Congregants should also know that the Pastoral Search process is confidential in nature - thus, we will not be able to release any candidate information. Our silence should not be understood as inaction! We will provide updates periodically as we move through stages. Keep us in your prayers!

FCC MEMBER CONTINUES TO GIVE, EVEN ON VACATION

My husband Peter Esterquest and I have the good fortune to be in Florida for 6 weeks during what we understand to be a rather wintery month in Maine! As a retired hospice social worker and trained hospice volunteer, I am hoping to be of service while I am here. My brother-in-law Christopher "Kit" Illick died on May 28th 2013 in a lovely hospice facility here in Vero Beach, this one behind me in the photo to the right. They took beautiful care of him, my sister, and the extended family for 10 days until he took his last breath. In the spirit of giving back and doing all the good that I can in the place that I am, I have offered my services, to help out in whatever ways are needed.

Stay warm and safe my friends and happy spring! See you in April.





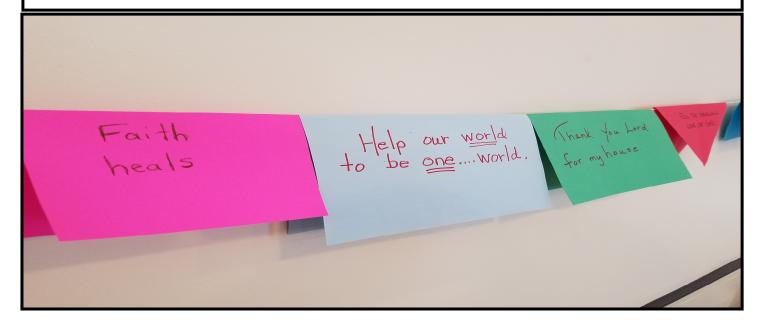
Who God is calling?

2018 Lenten Season Encourages Members and Friends to Share (C. Penrose)

As part of the Lenten season activities, members, friends and guests were encouraged to share their desires and heartfelt cares by writing out personal prayers on a variety of colorfully shaped flags. These flags were then hung around the sanctuary so that all could read. Following are these very tender missives and certainly worth sharing again.

- ♦ For peaceful and just relations with all other countries and peoples
- ♦ For kindness compassion and peace
- ♦ Let your light shine into the world
- Dignity, respect and good judgment in our world leaders
- ♦ Protect children
- Peaceful painless passing
- ♦ Courage and serenity
- ♦ One world at peace with one another always
- May we find healing and strength for each other and for our world
- May all people live the golden rule: treat others the way you want to be treated with love
- ♦ Friendship- an open heart- a caring, creative & calm spirit- a desire for beauty, vision, & practicality
- May ALL CREATURES be free from suffering
- ♦ Honoring those on the margins of society
- ♦ Trust....Have faith....Believe
- Dear Lord, please bring me peace within my soul and know when to stop and listen to my body whose strength is waning. Peace in the world. Thank you
- ♦ Spread kindness
- ♦ Practice gratitude
- ♦ Help me to forgive
- ♦ Tell all of your truth
- ♦ Listen to each other....Hear....Learn from one another
- ♦ I offer mercy- to listen without judgement- to be with you where you are
- ♦ Breathe in love. Breathe out love

- ♦ Be still and know that I am God
- Non-judgement of self and others
- ♦ Prayer that we all LISTEN to each other & seek to UNDERSTAND each other point of view
- ♦ Let go Let God
- ♦ Love and compassion
- ♦ Restoring community
- ♦ Trust & Faith
- May all feel the warmth and reassurance of God's embrace
- \(\) Love and caring for all people
- For those who have lost their way, may they find their compass to guide them
- ♦ To strive to reach out and come closer to each other- in peace and healing
- ♦ God help the people of the street
- May I see Thy Divine Grace in my everyday encounters
- ♦ Feel the healing love of God
- ♦ Thank you Lord for my house
- ♦ Help our WORLD to be ONE.....WORLD
- ♦ Faith heals
- ♦ May we have compassion for each other
- ♦ Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me
- ♦ To feel free
- ♦ Thank you God for this beautiful day, and thank you for love, kindness, compassion, caring, helping, and laughter in this world. Help me give more. Amen
- May we all listen, have empathy and practice the art of compromise.



A ROSTER OF UPCOMING EVENTS HERE AT FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH, AND UP-DATES ON ADDITIONAL EVENTS SCHEDULED IN APRIL

SAVE THE DATE!

(R. Jones)

Falmouth Foreside 5K to benefit Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, May 5th - 9:00 a.m. start

Runners ONLY this year
(Walkers are welcome to support the Habitat for Humanity Good Friday walk in Cumberland)
Course runs from St. Mary's north on Rte. 88 to
Knight St., turn around and run south on Rte. 88 to
finish at Pine Grove. Runners run with the traffic.

Registration:

8:00 - 9:00 registration, or online \$30 adults race day, \$25 preregistration, \$10 students, Free under 9

Cash prizes for top finishers! Cakes and pies for top finishers in each age category!
Thank you to our sponsors:
ReMax by the Bay
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Last year's Habitat runners race into another successful year. Please consider joining the pack in May!

FCC BOOK CLUB UPDATE

(M. Hinkel)

Thanks to all who participated in the discussion of *One Thousand White Women*. Despite the fact we didn't all like it, we sure found a lot to talk about! Thanks for all your input. For the next book we decided to go with another recommendation by Janet called *The Obituary Writer* by Ann Hood. Summary follows:

On the day John F. Kennedy is inaugurated, Claire, a young wife and mother obsessed with the glamour of Jackie, struggles over the decision of whether to stay in a loveless but secure marriage or to follow the man she loves and whose baby she may be carrying. Decades earlier in 1919, Vivien Lowe, an obituary writer, is searching for her lover who disappeared in the Great San Francisco Earthquake of 1906. By telling the stories of the dead, Vivien not only helps others cope with their grief but also begins to understand the devastation of her own terrible loss. The surprising connection between these two women will change Claire's life in unexpected and extraordinary ways.

Due to conflicts, we decided to meet on the 4th Tuesday of April (instead of the 3rd) which will be April 24 at 3:00 p.m. Mark your calendar for what should be a good conversation. As always we welcome new readers! FMI: mimihinkel@gmail.com

Christian Education is sponsoring an allages fun family event for late August and is looking for someone interested in brainstorming ideas and helping to plan this event. Please reach out if you are interested! Contact Wendy Tracy at wendyrtracy@gmail.com.

Men's Monthly Breakfast ~ Saturday, April 14 ~ 7:15 to 9:00 a.m.

OPEN TO ALL! FMI John Bischof jegbischof@gmail.com or 781-2391

May *Steeplenotes* Deadline Friday, April 20, 2018

A ROSTER ... (cont. from page 7)





Happy Easter! The Stewardship Ministry thanks you for your generous support of the church. We look forward to blossoming and growing, now and for years to come! An active and constantly occupied church takes many hands to keep it tidy. (Pictured left to right) Shirley Pyles, Susan Blethen, Lois Myers, Robin Singer, and Jill Fox give up an afternoon in March to start some spring cleaning in the kitchen. Equally engaged with her sleeves rolled up was Carol Ward, who is taking this great photo. A special "shout out" to Tom Dorman, Reverend Janet, and Ron Stadden as well who were assisting with other related cleaning tasks on this day.

The Foreside Community Church office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise posted. The office has many resources available to members engaged in both church and some non church activities. A sample of these supplies include:

- ◆ A petty cash account and debit card to assist with small to medium church purchases, thus eliminating the need to complete voucher reimbursement requests;
- ◆ A Staples account for larger church projects, once again allowing the office to absorb costs instead of members bearing church expenses up front;
- A wide variety of office and craft supplies for ministry projects;
- The ability to print heavy stock items such as posters, tickets, and note cards for church related events;
- No cost Notary Public services for both church and non church needs;
- ♦ Assistance with room/space reservations on site for both church and non church events;
- Archived records such as past bulletins, newsletters, weekly updates, etc. for easy reference.

The office is also the first stop to report facility maintenance issues or any other infrastructure needs. Your assistance in conveying these hazardous conditions or repair needs is greatly appreciated as many eyes are better than just two.

The office is here to support the mission of the church and all that entails. Please do not hesitate to call (781-5880) email (cslibby@foresidechurch.org), or drop by...and you never need to knock, just come it.

Falmouth's Hembre wins Travis Roy Award

By WIL KRAMLICH Sun Journal (March 25, 2018)

he wasn't sure about was whether or not he would Barton said. win the award. As it turned out, the Falmouth High Lewiston, Mike Hatch of Cheverus and Cam King of eight assists). Portland/Deering.

it, and I was just thrilled to get it."

in Falmouth's lone playoff game. He said during his ship at FCC. speech that a public speaking class earlier this school year gave him confidence as he stood in front of the banquet attendees at the Ramada Inn. He certainly stood out from the crowd during his career.

"I think it was a tough pick. The vote was probably the tightest it's been since I've been here," Falmouth Coach Deron Barton said. "(There were) lot of other really, really deserving, good hockey players. Theo, I think he's a prolific player, he's a prolific scorer. And I think a lot of it has to do with, too, he performed his best against the best competition. He performed his best against the toughest teams. So I think that's probably one of the things that just set him apart, maybe, if anything, was that."

Hembre is the third winner from Falmouth, following Peter Gustavson in 2005 and Isac Nordstrom in 2015. Hembre was a freshman when Nordstrom won the award. "I just learned that he was a hard worker, he was a good captain. I was only there for a year when he was there, so I just was able to see what he was doing," Hembre said.

Barton said Hembre might have learned the commitment to playing in the defensive end – a key part of

LEWISTON — Theo Hembre was a confident player Falmouth's system – from Nordstrom. "We have a from one end of the ice to the other, and that confi- saying that, 'We don't know why, but the better you dence was still there Sunday while giving a speech as play in your own end the more scoring opportunities one of four finalists for the Travis Roy Award. What you get,' and I think he benefited from that the most,'

forward was chosen over three defensemen as the Hembre said the key to succeeding against players 23rd winner of the award, presented by the Maine like Bossie, Hatch and King was to avoid them when-Class A High School Hockey Coaches Association ever possible. That often meant good things for the and given to the top Class A senior boys' hockey Yachtsmen, who went 5-1 against the other finalists' player. The other finalists were Ryan Bossie of teams, with Hembre amassing 17 points (nine goals,

In one of the lighter moments of Hembre's speech, he "I know all three guys were amazing hockey play- said to his dad, "I'm sorry for all the broken sticks." ers," Hembre said. "We all had an equal chance to get But Hembre said with the metal and wood trophy in his hands, that they were definitely worth it.

Hembre led Class A with 46 points during the regular Theo confirmed his faith here at Foreside in May of season – 27 goals and 19 assists – and added an assist 2015 and joins his parents Jill and David in member-



Theo Hembre, left, shows off the Travis Roy Award to Falmouth teammates Marcus Cady and Louis Mainella after the awards banquet Sunday at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Foreside Community Church's own Towne Lyne Ringers will be performing at the 2018 Maine Spring Ring (see poster above). Please be sure to attend and support our ringers!!!

** Would you, and/or family members like to grace the cover of our future newsletters? The office is collecting photos taken either outside the main sanctuary doors, or just inside the narthex illustrating a welcoming and greeting pose. Please call 781-5880, or email cslib-by@foresidechurch.org. Please note, names of persons in the photos are not printed.







MCEDV,
Through These Doors
(formerly Family Crisis Services)
and
Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership
Against Domestic Violence

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Partnering to Address Domestic Violence

Tuesday, April 17th, 2018 9:30AM – 4:00 PM Woodfords Corner Church 202 Woodford St., Portland

The training is free of charge. Lunch will be provided for a donation of \$10.00.

This is a training for faith leaders (clergy and lay), domestic violence advocates, and anyone who is interested in understanding the importance of a faith-based response to domestic violence.

For more information contact: Karen Wentworth at 207-650-5094 or karen_w@familycrisis.org

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Mornings With Friends April 18, 2018 Tuttle Road United Methodist Church

Drug Safety Questions & Answers



Curious about Vaping? Marijuana laws? How to keep your drugs safe?
Casco Bay CAN and Law Enforcement representatives will present information
on drug trends in Cumberland, how to track, lock and dispose of drugs properly,
and how to report drug concerns.

Bring any expired or unwanted drugs for Law Enforcement to dispose.

FMI: Deborah.grav48@gmail.com or AIPCumberland.org
AIP: 207-829-2205 For Rides, call 829-3367
Free and Open to the Public * Coffee, Tea & Goodies

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Be sure to check our website for changes/updates/additional scheduling at www.foresidechurch.org. Foreside Community Church UCC

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6am Sunrise Service 8:30am 1st Service Egg Hunt In Between 10:30am 2nd Service	9am Rugs 5:45 & 7:00 p.m. Search Committee	1pm Prayer Shawl 6:20pm Chncl Choir 7:30pm Towne Lyne 7:30pm Lrg AA Grp	4 5pm Women's Grp	5 4:30pm Meditation	9	4:30pm Maine Spring Ring w/ FCC's Towne Lyne Ringers (see pg. 9 for details)
9:30am Worship Service w/ youth assist 4-6pm Youth Group	10am small group 4-6pm J&O Mini- Stry Mtg 7pm Governing Brd Monthly Mtg	10 1pm Prayer Shawl 6:20pm Chnel Choir 7:30pm Towne Lyne 7:30pm Lrg AA Grp	6:15pm Fellowship Ministry Mtg 5pm Women's Grp	12 4:30pm Meditation	4-6pm Guiding Eyes for the Blind Puppy training-all are invited to observe	7:15-9am Men's Monthly Breakfast
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9:30am Worship Service w/ Mission Moment Dr. Tim Carnes	23	1pm Prayer Shawl 3pm FCC Book Club 6:20pm Chncl Choir 7:30pm Towne Lyne 7:30pm Lrg AA Grp	10am Communion @ Oceanview 5pm Women's Grp	26 4:30pm Meditation	27	28
9:30am Worship Service & Rev Janet's Farewell (see pg. 3 for details)	30					

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL 2018

Sun., Apr. 1 Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

Mon., Apr. 2 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Genesis 1:1-19 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

Tues., Apr. 3 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Genesis 1:20—2:4a 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Wed., Apr. 4 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Song of Solomon 3:1-11 Mark 16:1-8

Thurs., Apr. 5 Psalm 133 Daniel 1:1-21 Acts 2:42-47

Fri., Apr. 6 Psalm 133 Daniel 2:1-23 Acts 4:23-31

Sat., Apr. 7 Psalm 133 Daniel 2:24-49 John 12:44-50

Sun., Apr. 8 Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1—2:2 John 20:19-31

Mon., Apr. 9 Psalm 135 Daniel 3:1-30 1 John 2:3-11 Tues., Apr. 10 Psalm 135 Daniel 6:1-28 1 John 2:12-17

Wed., Apr. 11 Psalm 135 Isaiah 26:1-15 Mark 12:18-27

Thurs., Apr. 12 Psalm 4 Daniel 9:1-19 1 John 2:18-25

Fri., Apr. 13 Psalm 4 Daniel 10:2-19 1 John 2:26-28

Sat., Apr. 14 Psalm 4 Acts 3:1-10 Luke 22:24-30

Sun., Apr. 15 Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48

Mon., Apr. 16 Psalm 150 Jeremiah 30:1-11a 1 John 3:10-16

Tues., Apr. 17 Psalm 150 Hosea 5:15—6:6 2 John 1-6

Wed., Apr. 18 Psalm 150 Proverbs 9:1-6 Mark 16:9-18

Thurs., Apr. 19 Psalm 23 Genesis 30:25-43 Acts 3:17-26

Fri., Apr. 20 Psalm 23 Genesis 46:28—47:6 Acts 4:1-4 Sat., Apr. 21 Psalm 23 Genesis 48:8-19 Mark 6:30-34

Sun., Apr. 22 Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

Mon., Apr. 23 Psalm 95 1 Samuel 16:1-13 1 Peter 5:1-5

Tues., Apr. 24 Psalm 95 1 Chronicles 11:1-9 Revelation 7:13-17

Wed., Apr. 25 Psalm 95 Micah 7:8-20 Mark 14:26-31

Thurs., Apr. 26 Psalm 22:25-31 Amos 8:1-7 Acts 8:1b-8

Fri., Apr. 27 Psalm 22:25-31 Amos 8:11-13 Acts 8:9-25

Sat., Apr. 28 Psalm 22:25-31 Amos 9:7-15 Mark 4:30-32

Sun., Apr. 29 Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8

Mon., Apr. 30 Psalm 80 Isaiah 5:1-7 Galatians 5:16-26

