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Pastoral Notes

ADDING TO OUR NUMBER

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. - Acts 2:46-47

To any preacher who might be riding a high from the festival rejoicing and gatherings of Easter Sunday (like me!), the lectionary scripture readings in the season that follows are often a cold splash of water. We read stories of the “followers of the Way” in the Acts of the Apostles, including the mass inspiration that nearly every event, every sermon seemed to invite: here Peter baptized 3,000 in one day, there 5,000 believed, here the apostles accomplished great signs and wonders before Jerusalem.

This early church seems to have been excited by the wave of numbers in those early days, yet modern followers of Jesus can make ourselves anxious about the tide going out the other way. As the fresh followers of Jesus shared all their possessions in common joyfully, we who make daily news from numbers like GDP or unemployment or interest rates, may fret some great deficit to our lives.

But, of course, Acts maybe offers us a challenge... the numbers can only tell the story of the church if they tell the story of lives transformed and called into discipleship, or people offered healing and new life, or of a deeper sense of connection to the Holy through all and in all.

I have not yet had my day in which I baptized 3,000... I'm not sure I would enjoy it much since I probably wouldn't even know their names! Still, day by day, God is working and expanding the life of the Spirit in all sorts of way, and, yes, some of those ways even have numbers... So, here's Holy Week by the numbers:

At the 8:30 a.m. Easter service our children transformed the **1 cross** masterfully created by Mark Munson, decorating it with over **150 flowers** prepared by Gail Adshead. Knitters

and other volunteers stuffed and hid over **200 Easter Eggs** for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. I am holding out hope that maybe the kids didn't find all of them, and I'll be rewarded on a walk around the building...

At the 10:30 a.m. service, **5 young people confirmed** their baptismal promises, taking their place in the full stature and responsibility of membership in this body of Christ after **7 months of preparation**. On their journey to confirmation, they jointly **visited 10 elders** of our congregation, did **50 hours of community service** work, and participated in **10 worship services with other faith communities** as they learned about our own. It also bears mentioning that **15 adults—their parents and their mentors—journeyed with them** through their preparations, and learned things along the way. I'm sorry... **16**. I was learning, too.

Overall, on Easter Sunday, over **250 people said, “Christ is risen, indeed!”** with us by the bay, in the sanctuary, or online in worship. **15 Ministers of Worship and Readers** led us through Holy Week liturgies and scriptures. Our Music ministries prepared **12 special music offerings** during the week, inviting us to sing Holy Week's deep traditions, and even to learn **3 new hymns**.

Sharing from the gifts of our lives, we raised over **\$2,100 for our Neighbors in Need fund**. This offers support for members of our wider community in times of challenge, loss, and hardship, and an assurance that God's love and presence is with them and working for resurrection life, even—and perhaps especially—in those difficult times.

We can draw the circle wider: in recent years, you have been a place of training and supporting seminarians as they prepare for, and enter ministry, and you are a home for clergy who serve in other settings... so you helped make Easter exactly what it was and needed to be for **four other congregations**, and for over **400 worshippers**.

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I am fully vaccinated and am available for times to visit, sit, or pray together as you would like. If you would like to schedule a meeting, [you can do so](#) here, or by contacting me [by email](#).

Blessings of the Spirit to you - Pastor Geoff

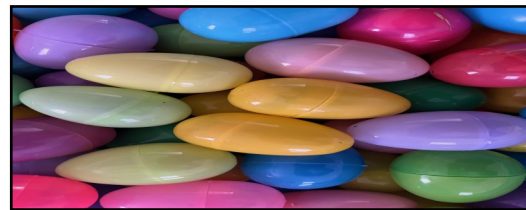
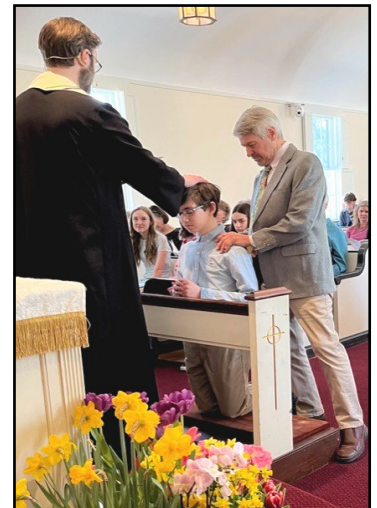
Adding To Our Number (cont.)

Our Justice and Outreach partners made a difference on Easter outside church walls: in the gift of bread broken and shared through the Falmouth Food pantry, or in offering healing on the street through Grace Street Ministry. Around the world that day, **100 children were fed** at Lo-oc Soup kitchen in the Philippines, and the Mbabaali Memorial School was able to provide care and education to its **260 students** in Uganda.

Day by day, the life of the risen Christ continues in our community: in real ways that we can count, and in ways that are beyond all counting. I am—as always—humbled and thankful to serve alongside you and watch these signs

and wonders unfold through you. **And! I am blessed to be able to welcome you and others into new life and ministry here as well. This month, we will be calling new leaders into ministry at our annual meeting, and welcoming and baptizing new members on Pentecost. If you would like to join their number, please contact me!**

Easter blessings and Christ's new life be with us all,

Worship in the sanctuary...

...and attendance on Sundays is open to all with the following prevention protocols in place:

- **Masks are currently being requested (a supply of which can be located in the narthex).**
- We ask households to give each other good social distance.
- Windows will be opened enough to increase ventilation.
- Worship will also be live-streamed for any who cannot - or do not feel comfortable - attending by going to:

<https://www.youtube.com/ForesideCommunityChurch>

Bulletins for each service, including words to that day's hymns are also posted at the above website address.



Spring Cleanup Day Sat. April 29 – Rain date April 30

We will start gathering around 8:30 a.m.
(but come when you can)

Also maple trees coming down 4/30 –
Will need firewood luggers!

UPDATES, REPORT OUTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Stewardship Updates

Your church stewards have had a relatively undramatic spring thus far. Our accounts are under control, your pledges are coming in, and we are not living beyond our means, like good colonials! Bruce Kaake has taken on the lighting concession, working with Christina to change bulbs and identify electrical needs as they crop up. Thank you, Bruce! A drip here and a rotten board there and some painting - Maintenance never ends! Thank you, Christina for front line support as well as keeping these items listed. The office entrance looks much nicer without the scuff marks and with the fresh paint.

The memorial garden is the most anticipated item on the Stewardship agenda. Having no space on the Fal-mouth side of the cemetery, and interments being quite expensive on the Cumberland side, it will be nice to have an alternative for ashes and names just beyond the “apostle rocks” and the patio. I’m told this concept has been on the wish list for 30 years. Moving rocks also allows us to do some deferred repair of the drainage from the back doors of the church. Bruce Kaake is going to take down some smaller maples on April 30 to make way for the earthmoving. We’ll cut the wood to sell at the Christmas Fair.

FAQs:

Who will pay for the memorial garden? *Basic costs will be raised privately, starting with family and friends of Geoff and Betsey Gattis, others TBA. The funds will not come out of the church endowment.*

How much will it cost to have my name engraved with or without interment of ashes? *We are thinking \$700 ish. Each letter costs \$15, so just engraving would run \$200 average, plus \$300 for the engraver to show up once a year. Future upkeep and maintenance of the garden should be factored in.*

I am leaving funds to the church in my will – Might that pay for inclusion of my name on the rocks? *Yes, but not until after you have departed this world.*

My husband is not a member – Might I have his name beside mine on the rocks? *Yes.*

We used to be members of FCC but have fallen away. May we leave our names on your rocks? *Depends. There will be a memorial garden ministry that will write the guidelines. Stay tuned!*

Carol W.



UPDATES, REPORT OUTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

Christmas Fair Silent Auction Winners Go To The State House (John Goodrich)

Three auction winners, Lois Myers with John & Corey Goodrich, recently were guests of Representative Amy Kuhn, (D – Falmouth). It was a very educational day at the Statehouse, as well as surprisingly enjoyable and delicious. The Christmas Fair Queen, Carol Ward, dreamed this up with Representative Kuhn for an intriguing auction item at last year's fair. We recently met Amy in the Statehouse rotunda for an early morning tour of this beautiful historic building, seeing both Senate & House chambers, the caucus rooms & much more.

The first thing that happened suggesting this was going to be a really neat experience was promptly running into the Democratic majority leader, Rachel Talbot Ross. She went out of her way, even as she was beginning a typical hectic day, to pause and invite us into her office. She really knocked us over with her relaxed welcoming manner.

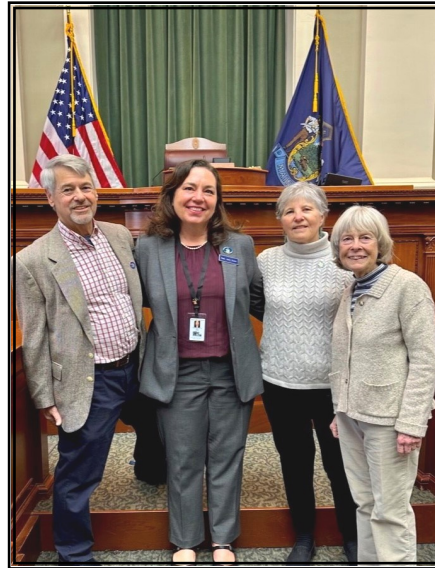
We then followed Amy into the Democratic caucus room where all Democratic representatives meet to review and strategize on the day's legislative agenda. She introduced us to a number of our other local representatives. They all wanted to know about this most unique auction item. It seemed a statehouse visit was first ever to be auctioned at a church fair. Everyone loved it.

After the caucus, we had a break back in the rotunda. The halls were packed. The big draw turned out to be Maine Farm & Aquaculture day at the Statehouse. There were food samplings from the cheese, potato, and blueberry producers among others. And that meant hundreds of bags of Fox potato chips from Jill Fox's nephew up in the County! Yes, we even had smoked salmon & fresh oysters to sample. Word in the rotunda is that this particular day is the highlight of the year for these legislators.

The rest of the morning we sat in the balcony, looking down on all of the representatives in their chamber, as Majority Leader Talbot Ross repeatedly slammed her gavel to move various LD's (legislative documents) on & off the floor. It was a remarkably demanding fast paced process. A special surprise, interspersed between legislative business, was the introduction of various visiting groups being honored by specific representatives. There was a state champion football team, a field hockey team, etc., then, embarrassingly, three auction winners from FCC. We stood proudly to applause from the full house.

Obviously, it was a very informative and truly delightful day under the already competent wing of Falmouth's new representative. We each came away struck by the demanding, messy workload of our elected officials that makes our state democracy function as one of which we can be most proud. Even with such strong political differences existing

among various factions, none of that seemed to effect the collegial, friendly atmosphere that permeated our state house. What a day! Thank you, Amy & Carol.



(Pictured l to r)

Dr. John Goodrich,
State Representative
Amy Kuhn (D-
Falmouth), Corey
Goodrich, and Lois
Myers.

A Reading with poet Sam King Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Come to the sanctuary for an evening of poetry with FCC friend, **Susan Deborah (Sam) King**. Sam has taught poetry writing and appreciation academically in Connecticut and Minnesota her whole career. She has published nine collections of poetry, including as editor of two poetry anthologies. Three of her books have celebrated the beauty and community of Great Cranberry Island, Maine. Other titles include, *Coven*, *Dropping into the Flower* and *One-Breasted Woman*. She

lives with her husband, James Gertmenian, a member of this church, in Cumberland Foreside, and is mother to two grown twin daughters and has a granddaughter and grandson.



Susan Deborah (Sam) King is the author of five full length collections of poetry and one chapbook, including *Bog Orchids*, about her summer home on Great Cranberry Island.

UPDATES, REPORT OUTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



Green Team Updates

Would you like to speak up for Earth? Do more than try to live responsibly yourself? Advocate for public policies that favor sustainability?

Attend State House Action Day with members of the Foreside Church green team and friends. We will join a coalition of 37 Maine environmental organizations, such as Maine Audubon, called the Environmental Priorities Coalition. We will start with a briefing on seven of the most important environmental bills before the legislature. Then we will go talk with our state Senators and Representative about our personal priorities. This will last from a free breakfast at 8:30 until sandwiches at noon.

If you want to carpool to Augusta with us on May 4 from 8:30 to noon, meet us in the Shaw's parking lot by Planet Fitness at 7:30 am. Or you can drive up yourself and meet us at the briefing in the Cross State Office Building, room 102, next to the State House.

**For more info, and to register,
see State House Action Day
on the website of NRCM
(Natural Resources Coalition of Maine)
<https://www.nrcm.org/>**

Please register before April 26 if you can. Thank you.

Calling all Kids!

How about making something pretty for Mom for Mother's Day? Or perhaps an "end of the year" teacher gift, or a gift for a sibling or grandparent? Or maybe a little something for yourself? Whatever your desire, join us for a fun time of making **Pony Bead Jewelry!** Rhys and Ty will be teaching you how to make bracelets, necklaces, rings, as well as other patterns. We will provide the materials needed for this fantastic and fun jewelry class!

When: Sunday, May 7, 2023

Time: After worship

Where: large classroom

There is a sign-up sheet on a clip board located on the side-board in the narthex for all of the kids (and adults) who wish to attend this beading class in order to know ahead of time what materials are needed. **Please sign up as soon as you read this!** You can also register by email with the church office at csklarz@foresidechurch.org.

*Bring your friends and neighbors!
(but don't forget to register first)*

Questions? Call Lynnne at 207-232-3685

Email: lynnethomas02@yahoo.com



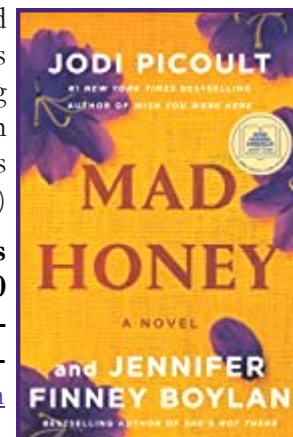
*See
you
there!*

FCC Monthly Book Club Updates

It was nice to gather again in person in April to discuss Stones from the River by Ursula Hegi. We all agreed it was a long and depressing novel but well worth reading. Hegi was remarkably able to paint a very realistic small town in Germany (pre-World War II) populated with a large cast of ordinary villagers, all coping in both positive and negative ways with very extraordinary times. As always your insight and thoughts were appreciated and meaningful. Thank you!

We are switching gears for next month when we have finally chosen to read the very popular Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan. Mad Honey follows the tale of two women who have run away from violent relationships in the past in order to start a new life in the rural community of Adams, New Hampshire. The tension-filled courtroom drama that ensues after one is found dead and the other discovers that her son has been accused of murdering the deceased person sheds light on the actual cost of keeping secrets for the sake of love. (from Amazon)

**Please feel free to join us
on Wednesday May 17th at 4:00
p.m. in the upstairs church class-
room for this discus-
sion. FMI: mimihinkel@gmail.com**



UPDATES, REPORT OUTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

HOLD THIS DATE!

ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

AND PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE!

MINISTRY AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022

ARE DUE IN CHURCH OFFICE

NO LATER THAN MAY 15, 2023

The Men's Breakfast...

Will be gathering on

Saturday, May 6 @ 8:30 a.m.

at the church

An enjoyable repast and
lively discussions are always on the menu!

FMI John Bischof

jegbischof@gmail.com or 781-2391

**The June Steeplenotes
deadline is Friday
May 19, 2023**

May Birthday Greetings

Taurus ~ Taurus' resolute character, pragmatism, patience, and love of luxury make them loyal, heartfelt, loving, and soothing to be around. They're your favorite chef, Netflix and chill companion, date to a concert, or friend you can rely on to plan the most memorable spa day.

Susan Clark ~ 1

Cathy Sanders ~ 15

Gemini ~ Playful and intellectually curious, Gemini is constantly juggling a variety of passions, hobbies, careers, and friend group. They are the social butterflies of the zodiac. These quick-witted twins can talk to anyone about anything. A fearless thinker, Gemini is always down to try something new.

Nancy Ladd ~ 22

Grace Parker ~ 23

Sam Ladd ~ 26

Alan Saabye ~ 28

Joan Murray ~ 29

Joyce White ~ 29

**Please note, the Women's Breakfast is
now meeting on the third WEDNESDAY
of the month. See below for details.**

Let's do (a continental) Breakfast Ladies!

Women of the church, members and friends
are invited to breakfast on

Wednesday, May 17 @ 8:30 a.m.

in the FCC coffee area,

we'll provide the food,

you bring your appetite.

~ good food, good conversation ~

it's a great way to start your day!

Please RSVP to deborah.gray48@gmail.com

or 952-4041 by Monday, May 15

so we can plan accordingly.

See you there!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

WHAT'S IN A NAME?...

...is the Pilgrim Lodge theme for the summer, and what an excellent question it is. Scripture is filled with occurrences when God called people to a new identity and often bestowed upon them a new name. At least in a multitude of situations, they gained a new appreciation of who they were.

In our own congregation, Dr. Bernacchio is Charlie. Mr. Sanders and I are both Chucks. All three of us share the common Christian name Charles. AND all of us within the communion of FCC share the common identity of Christian. It defines who we are and who we seek to continually be.



As many of you heard me say when I preached mid-winter, I am an ardent advocate of church camping, and in this article would urge you to consider registering for a session at Pilgrim Lodge, our Maine Conference retreat center in West Gardiner. There's a **Women's Weekend** June 2-4, on the calendar open to women nineteen and over. There's an **Elementary Adventures Camp** over the July Fourth weekend, designed for children entering fourth through sixth grades. That's the age group I often served as director for; I find kids that age intriguing. However, the session I'm actively recruiting for is the second **Grandparents/Grandchildren Camp**, a forty-eight-hour gathering July 29-31 open to grandparents of all ages and grandchildren/great-grandchildren ages five and above. That session is being led by seminarian Hannah Louise Smith-Erb of Cumberland, and her talented, ordained for fifty-nine years grandfather, The Rev. Charles E. Erb. We so enjoyed sharing thoughts and talents last summer and volunteered to lead the camp again this year.

For more information, please check out the Pilgrim Lodge website at www.Pilgrimlodge.org. It would be wonderful to have familiar faces from FCC as part of our camp family for those few days.



Sunset at Pilgrim Lodge located on Lake Cobbosseecontee in West Gardiner.



The camp store carries T-shirts, memorabilia, postcards, post-age and various necessary items.

COMMUNITY EVENTS (cont.)

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



THURSDAY 04 MAY, 6 - 8 PM

Calling ALL people of faith!

Gather at Falmouth Congregational Church
(UCC), 267 Falmouth Road

Bring a dish to share in a potluck supper

Learn about prayer and spend time praying
together for our nation, state and communi-
ties in an interfaith group.
All people are welcome!

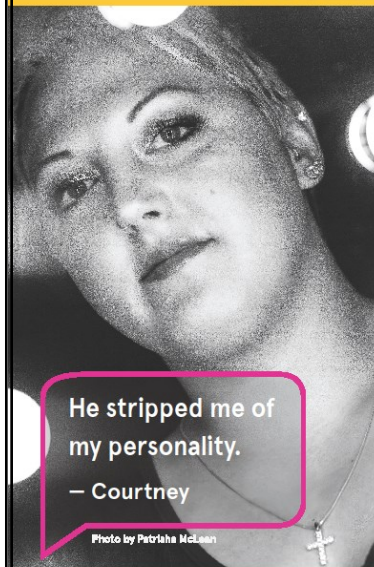
FMI, contact Fr Nathan Ferrell at 781-3366

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Join Pastor Geoff and other Falmouth faith leaders as we gather for a community potluck and interfaith group discussion and practice of prayer for our nation, state, and community.

Finding Our Voices and the Freeport Community Library present

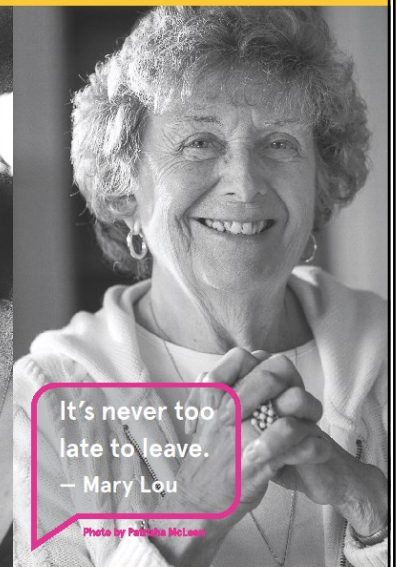
FREEPORT BREAKS THE SILENCE OF DOMESTIC ABUSE



He stripped me of
my personality.

— Courtney

Photo by Patricia McLenn



It's never too
late to leave.

— Mary Lou

Photo by Patricia McLenn

MONTH OF MAY: Exhibits of Youth Art and 45 Survivor Portraits

MAY 10 • WEDNESDAY • 5:30 TO 7:30 P.M.

SHORT FILMS FOLLOWED BY SURVIVOR-LED DISCUSSION



Free and open to the public

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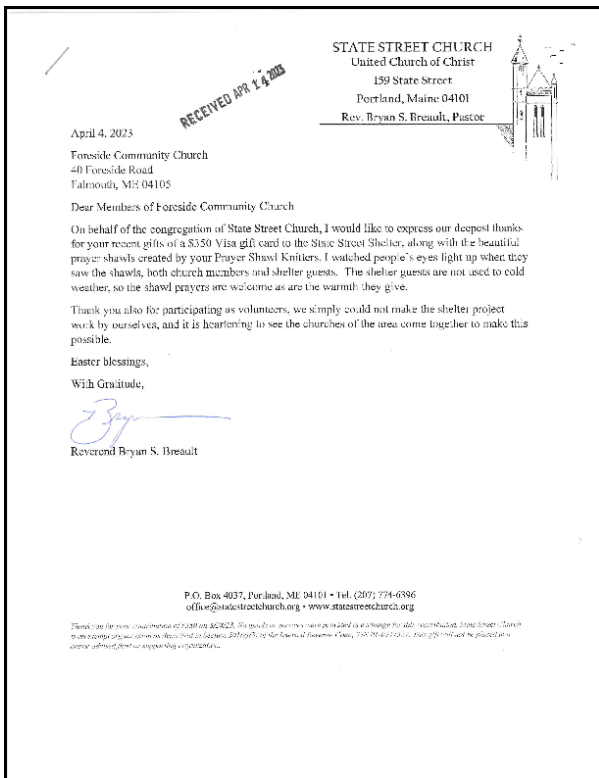
the organization behind

"Freeport Breaks The Silence"

www.findingourvoices.net.

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Dear Members of Foreside Community Church

On behalf of the congregation of State Street Church, I would like to express our deepest thanks for your recent gifts of a \$350 Visa gift card to the State Street Shelter, along with the beautiful prayer shawls created by your Prayer shawl Knitters. I watched people's eyes light up when they saw the shawls, both church members and shelter guests. The shelter guests are not used to cold weather, so the shawl prayers are welcome as are the warmth they give.

Thank you also for participating as volunteers, we simply could not make the shelter project work by ourselves, and it is heartening to see the churches of the area come together to make this possible.

Easter blessings,
With Gratitude,

Reverend Bryan S. Breault



April 17, 2023

Dear Foreside Church,

All I can say is - WOW! I am still in awe of the excitement, support, and generosity I witnessed at this past Ski-A-Thon! It is safe to say the Maine Adaptive Ski-A-Thon is BACK, and was amazing... all because of **YOU**!

Thank you ALL for showing up for our cause, our athletes, and being part of the Maine Adaptive Team!

Thank you for rekindling the passion, fun, and excitement that has been sorely missed in prior years.

The 35th Annual Ski-A-Thon was a great success. We celebrated another day of fabulous skiing and riding at Sunday River. Teams of volunteers, participants, and program friends gathered for food, music, and our annual award ceremony. The winds were strong, but the fun was heard all around the ski lodge, and we raised over \$240,000!

These funds go directly to supporting year-round programs for people with disabilities. My gratitude for your contributions to this special organization cannot be measured; with your individual and team contributions, we are able to continue providing life-changing opportunities to so many.

Maine Adaptive is committed to providing year-round adaptive recreation programs for children and adults with dis-

abilities. We will provide over 3,000 lessons this year in alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, cycling, golf, tennis, pickleball, mountain biking, climbing and pad

dling. Most of these lessons will be offered for free – eliminating one of the key barriers to gaining access to the life-changing benefits of adaptive sports and recreation. Your donation will directly help us deliver top quality adaptive sports programs to our participants.

Kindest Regards,

Steve Palleschi
President, Board of Directors
Maine Adaptive Sports & Recreation

Steve



**AND
BEFORE
YOU
GO...**

March 19th marked the culmination of a month-long project involving the entire FCC community, the **Bucket Brigade for Maine Needs**. Over the course of three weeks, congregation members and friends brought in donated items for cleaning buckets which were assembled for Maine families.

The message that served as the genesis for the Bucket Brigade was delivered during Sunday worship on February 19 when Tara Balch, Communications Director from Maine Needs shared the mission of the organization during the service Mission Moment. As the only staff at the organization, Tara works with many volunteers to provide needed items to Mainers all over the state. The cleaning kits created by FCC are being provided to individuals moving into apartments or hotel rooms to allow them to clean the space as they make it their own. Items in the kits include: dish soap, toilet cleaner, trash bags, sponges, soap, shampoo, and toothbrushes.

During the afternoon of the 19th, over 30 members and friends of all ages gathered in Fellowship Hall at FCC to assemble the many items. Volunteers sorted the supplies into piles and then, one by one, packed the buckets creating kits. In addition, attendees created hand-made cards with messages of encouragement to include in each of these kits. In the end 35 cleaning kit buckets, as well as 27 bags, were created and dropped off at Maine Needs, from there being distributed to families and individuals as needed.

Facilitator and Christian Education Ministry chair Wendy Tracy shared: "This project from the heart was a wonderful way for all members and friends of FCC to be involved as we give back to the wider community: from the youngest members who helped pass out fliers, to our teens who made the signs advertising the project, from the Justice and Outreach Ministry who provided the 30 buckets for us to pack, to all those who provided donations of items and money. In particular, thanks to the teamwork of J&O chairwoman Dotty Blanchette, Stewardship Ministry member Debra Coyman, and co-chair Liz Ventre from the Fellowship Ministry, which provided refreshments. What a delight to work together as a church family to make a difference in our wider community."



May 2023

Be sure to check the calendar at The Foreside Community Church's website
www.foresidechurch.org for any updates or changes.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 hybrid service 11:00 a.m. Exploring the Bible-lrg classroom Mother's Day Jewelry Event (See pg. 6 for details)	2 9 a.m. Tues Study Group 12 p.m. Shawl Knitters 6:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:45 p.m. AA Meeting 7:15 p.m. Bell Rehearsal	3 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayers ~ Sanctuary 6:30 p.m. Sam King Poetry Readings (See pg. 5 for details.)	4 9:00 a.m. Bells of Casco Bay - sanctuary 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. National Day of Prayer (See pg. 9 for details.)	5 8:30 a.m. Men's Monthly Breakfast (See pg. 7 for details.)	6 8:30 a.m. Men's Monthly Breakfast (See pg. 7 for details.)	
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14 9:30 hybrid service (See pg. 3 for details.) 11:00 a.m. Exploring the Bible-lrg classroom	15 ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE 6:00 p.m. Stewardship Ministry Monthly Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Governing Brd. Monthly Mtg.	16 12 p.m. Prayer Shawl Knitters 6:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:45 p.m. AA Meeting 7:15 p.m. Bell Rehearsal	17 8:30 a.m. Women's Monthly Breakfast (See pg. 7 for details.)	18 9:00 a.m. Bells of Casco Bay - sanctuary	19 9:00 a.m. Bells of Casco Bay - sanctuary deadline to submit material for June Steeplenotes	20 9:00 a.m. Bells of Casco Bay - sanctuary
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Daily Lectionary Readings for May 2023

Mon., May 1

Psalm 100
Ezekiel 34:17-23
1 Peter 5:1-5

Tues., May 9

Psalm 102:1-17
Proverbs 3:5-12
Acts 7:44-56

Wed., May 17

Psalm 93
Deuteronomy 31:1-13
John 16:16-24

Thurs., May 25

Psalm 33:12-22
Exodus 19:1-9a
Acts 2:1-11

Tues., May 2

Psalm 100
Ezekiel 34:23-31
Hebrews 13:20-21

Wed., May 10

Psalm 102:1-17
Proverbs 3:13-18
John 8:31-38

Thurs., May 18
Ascension Day

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47 or
Psalm 93
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

Fri., May 26

Psalm 33:12-22
Exodus 19:16-25
Romans 8:14-17

Wed., May 3

Psalm 100
Jeremiah 23:1-8
Matthew 20:17-28

Thurs., May 11

Psalm 66:8-20
Genesis 6:5-22
Acts 27:1-12

Fri., May 19

Psalm 93
2 Kings 2:1-12
Ephesians 2:1-7

Sat., May 27

Psalm 33:12-22
Exodus 20:1-21
Matthew 5:1-12

Thurs., May 4

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Genesis 12:1-3
Acts 6:8-15

Fri., May 12

Psalm 66:8-20
Genesis 7:1-24
Acts 27:13-38

Sat., May 20

Psalm 93 2
Kings 2:13-15
John 8:21-30

Sun., May 21
Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Sun., May 28
Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21 or
Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
or Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23 or
John 7:37-39

Fri., May 5

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Exodus 3:1-12
Acts 7:1-16

Sat., May 13

Psalm 66:8-20
Genesis 8:13-19
John 14:27-29

Mon., May 22

Psalm 99
Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24 1
Peter 4:1-6

Mon., May 29

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Joel 2:18-29
Romans 8:18-24

Sat., May 6

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Jeremiah 26:20-24
John 8:48-59

Sun., May 14

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

Tues., May 30

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29
Romans 8:26-27

Sun., May 7

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

Mon., May 15

Psalm 93
Genesis 9:8-17
Acts 27:39-44

Tues., May 23

Psalm 99
Numbers 16:41-50
1 Peter 4:7-11

Wed., May 31

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Numbers 11:24-30
John 7:37-39

Mon., May 8

Psalm 102:1-17
Exodus 13:17-22
Acts 7:17-40

Tues., May 16

Psalm 93
Deuteronomy 5:22-33
1 Peter 3:8-12

Wed., May 24

Psalm 99
1 Kings 8:54-65
John 3:31-36



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