

THE WITNESS

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

June, 2010

The month of June is almost over. I can't believe it is just about 1 month that I have served as your pastor. You are all great! You have welcomed me and made me feel right at home. Thanks so much for your kindness and generous hospitality. I am getting a feel for how things go here at Winthrop Church. Many of you have stopped by the office to welcome me. I've been to some committee meetings and look forward to joining the Women's Guild at the church's camp tonight. In the next months we will have some small group meetings where I can get to talk to you and you to me. I hope we will have fun sharing stories as we get acquainted.

If you have any questions or want to fill me in on something or just want to talk, please stop by the office. I am in my office on Monday and Thursday the first week of the month and Tuesday and Thursday the last three weeks of the month.

I am excited about our ministry and pray God's blessing on us as we begin our work together. Summer blessings to all of you.

Alice

Save These Dates

Sunday July 11: Maine Conference Annual Meeting Report from Marie Pettengill, Winthrop delegate, and Alice Anderman during worship.

Monday August 9: Trip to the Maine Conference Resource Center. Meet at church at 2:00 pm if you want to carpool or meet us at 3:00pm at the Resource Center in Yarmouth. Please call the office if you need directions and to let us know you will join us.

Sunday September 19: A visit to Pilgrim Lodge after church. You will get to see our Maine Conference's beautiful camp and walk the labyrinth. Bring a picnic lunch with you. Please let Rev. Alice or Susan Mauro know if you plan to come.

Pilgrim Lodge

The weekend of June 11 – 13 the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ held its Annual Meeting in Farmington. I am one of your delegates from the Winthrop Congregational Church UCC; therefore, I attended the conference, along with Rev. Alice.

Rev. Brian Breault, the Director of Outdoors Ministries gave his report on Pilgrim Lodge (PL). On the whole Brian was as always upbeat and full of energy when talking about Pilgrim Lodge. Brian informed us that right now the registrations were down. One of the youth camp sessions had been canceled because of low interest. Given the times, this is not really much of a surprise according to Brian.

I went to the Pilgrim Lodge web page. I found the Pilgrim Lodge Director's Log. The log that interested me was admitted on February 10, 2010. This log gave a little background on how PL ministries are supported. The coordinating council, which is the governing body for the Maine Conference, decided that PL should begin putting money away for future needs. Without any financial assistance the question remained, how will these extra funds be generated? In many conferences, and at many church camps of other denominations, the wilder conference pays for, or may give a financial subsidy toward the camping ministry. At PL this is not the case. PL essentially depends on, the campers, rental groups and donors to make up their budget.

It seems that the boardwalks are in dire need of repair. The delegates and visitors were told about the need to raise \$13,000 to have a design firm, design the entire boardwalk. Because of the need to protect from erosions the boardwalk needs to be designed and built a certain way. It was expressed that this is why the high cost of the design, so it will meet the codes of the DEP.

During the open discussions about the boardwalk, one older lady who had just attended the Vintage Venture camp said, that they could also use in that design, new stair rails, and other needs for handicap accessibility. The lady told about coming out of a building with no hand rail and falling. Someone then made a motion that the amount of monies collected should also be enough to include the design for the additional needs for handicap accessibility. The amount of monies was upped to \$23,000. It was put in as an amendment, approved and seconded, and voted on by the delegates. The vote was for the increase, and for the design firm to go ahead with designing the boardwalk and handicap needs, railings, stairs, etc. was passed.

A gentleman then approached a microphone and said he was going to donate \$500.00 toward the \$23,000. Well, that started the ball rolling; others came forward, some giving \$200.00, others giving \$100.00, \$25.00, \$10.00 whatever they could afford. It was such an amazing thing to see this all going forward before your eyes. You could feel the power in the air. I didn't know how much they had collected; I just knew it had to be quite a bit. I asked Ann Roudy the next morning after Sunday Worship how much they had collected. Ann said the total collected was \$7,822.00 in about an hour's time. The power of God was working in that room; you could feel it for sure.

If you would like to make a donation to Pilgrim Lodge, please make the check payable to The Winthrop Congregational Church UCC, and put on the Memo Line Pilgrim Lodge. The checks can either be put in the offering this coming Sunday, or sent to the Church at 10 Bowdoin Street, Winthrop Maine.

Thank you for your help in this outreach project. God Bless you all.
Marie Pettengill

DEACON NEWS

23rd ANNUAL LUNCHEON & BAKE SALE ON THE LAWN

On Sat. August 21st, the Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce will hold their Annual Art Show in the downtown area. In conjunction with that we will plan to have our **23rd Annual Luncheon & Bake Sale** on the lawn (inside if raining). We will need help, both in food donations and workers that day. We hope everyone who can, will bring an item or items for the Bake Sale. Pies, cookies and rolls are usually the most wanted items. We also sell a lot of individually wrapped brownies, cookies, etc. for “right now” eating.

In case of bad weather, we will be inside with lots of sandwiches so do plan to come for lunch! Our menu is **100% Lobster Salad Rolls, Chicken Salad Rolls, Fresh Fruit Cup, Chips, Coffee, Cold Drinks, Pie and Cake**. If we have a lot of leftovers, there will be a sign-up sheet available to purchase, at cost, any of these items.

We will need several people to work on the lunch in the usual areas – set up, clean up, serving, sandwich makers and bake table organizers. We will need two sets of “Street Walkers” to go downtown to deliver lunches to the artists. (The artists love this service!) Then we will definitely need people to clear tables during the lunch and to put everything back at 1:30 after the sale is over.

Many people have been making it a tradition to come to the Art Show and have lunch with us and we hope you will too! If you are available to be one of our helpers on August 21st please sign-up in the vestry or give **Cyndi Hall 377-2349 or Marie Hatfield 377-2718** a call. Lots of good fellowship and fun are included. I know it is early but we need to know if people will be around to help on that week-end. Thank-you and enjoy your summer. Marie

MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY June 13, 2010

**Music touches feelings from joy to sorrow
It is the melody of our hearts.
It is the voice of our spirit.**

**C – can’t you just feel the beat!
H – high notes, low notes, blending in
harmony
O – oh, the joy your music brings
I – in our hearts the melody rings
R – remember the sweet music of our choir!**

Our Music Director: Rosalea Kimball

Choir Members:

Altos: Lee Gilman,

Dina Blodgett, Carol Belcher

Sopranos: Diane Richardson, Barbara Enman,
Carol Whittier

Tenors: Pat Culp, Connie Mayette,
Sandra Smith

Bass: Jeff Dennis

Special Music:

Jeff Dennis, composer & brass,

Ted LaCrone, harmonica,

Dina Blodgett, flute, Bruce, guitar,

Linda Adams and Connie Mayette, piano

Nora & Emma Conrad, Corinna Coulton,

Audrey & Bridget and Ann Mitchell,
special choir,

and Marlene Douglas, narrator

We extend to all a huge **thank-you** for your generous gifts of time and musical talents given this past year to enhance our worship through music. You are small in number but large in spirit and talent.

Thank-you!!

SUMMER MUSIC – COME AND SHARE YOUR MUSICAL TALENTS WITH US

We are looking for anyone that would like to provide special music for a Sunday during the summer. Please contact Rosalea or the church office if you are interested.

COME AND LET US ENJOY!!

Submitted by Marie H.

CE MATTERS

During Youth Sunday the Board of Christian Education presented Bibles to two third grade students, Nora Conrad and Julia Tague-LaCrone. The following children were also honored for their Sunday School participation with a plant and name card telling them what their name means: Eric, Ruby, Danny, Suzy, Anna, Audrey, Nora, Julia, Corinna, Emma, TJ, and Felicia. The Board of Christian Education also acknowledged all the help that they received during the course of the year and all the Board Members for their time and devotion. There was a special gift of thanks presented to Cyndi as outgoing chairperson and for all her efforts with Christian Education.

Vacation Bible School. The United Methodist Church has invited us to Come Get “Revved Up!” Under the direction of Pastor Sharon Jones, Karen Toothaker, and Sarah Laflamme (Pastor Sharon’s daughter), children and youth age 4 through (entering) 6th grade are invited to spend mornings during the week of July 19-23 at drama camp. The “producers” and “directors” have selected “Revved Up and Ready to Go,” a fast-paced-musical with a car racing theme. “Revved Up” is filled with catchy melodies and encourages the participants and audience alike to tune up their hearts through love, prayer, forgiveness, and praise.

Drama Camp will meet from 9 a.m. through 12 noon each day of the week. We anticipate performing both Friday morning and Friday evening.

Please call the church office (377-8620) if you’re interested in participating in “Revved Up.”

The church fair is scheduled for July 31st and the children wish to participate by selling cookbooks. They are hoping to raise money towards the board’s activities during the course of the year. Books will cost \$8.00 each or we will be selling 2 for \$15.00.

The Board is also planning a teacher’s retreat at the church camp on August 4th to develop a mission statement. We welcome your ideas and presence at this retreat. Bring your own dinner or we will be picking up Subway sandwiches for all those who would like one. If you would like us to pick you up something at Subway please call Susan at 377-2341.

We have ordered Whole People of God curriculum for next year and will be working on a teacher and helper schedule for next year. Please let us know if there is a week that you are available to teach or help with the children. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

*Susan Mauro, Chair
Board of Christian Education*



Packing CWS Kits



Rev. Alice and Hoppy

BCCC BASICS

From the Board for Church & Community Concerns: Just a few words to say thank you to our church community for the support shown for our various missions.....One Great Hour of Sharing, Blanket Sunday, Pilgrim Lodge, and in the winter, our Domestic Violence projects.

We look forward to the fall when we start up on our stewardship responsibilities that will take place in November, as well as our continued support of the Winthrop Food Pantry.....a year-round mission.

Keep our church and its members in your prayers and, prayerfully, when the time comes for us to request your continued financial support; you will continue to do what you have all done so well in the past.....keep this church alive and well so that we can minister to those who need us.

Submitted by Kay W.

WOMEN'S GUILD NOTES

At the April 27th meeting it was reported that \$250.00 was sent to The American Cancer Society. Thank you to all who participated.

We held our June meeting at the church camp on Sunset Pass on the 22nd. Beautiful weather and a stunning sunset were special gifts to the 12 women in attendance.

May 16th we said fond farewells to Rev. Karen who worked diligently to steer us through to this new era. And so we were particularly happy to have Rev. Alice with us, enabling us to share with her activities such as: the recent completion of 56 school and health kits for distribution by Church World Service; a successful dinner out at DaVinci's in May attended by 15 members and guests; and the heartfelt thanks from Barb Enman and Bob Ashby for the prayer shawls they had received, as well as many, many cards from all in the

congregation. Before refreshments, we engaged in a Yankee Swap with lighthearted give and take adding a note of merriment to the evening. A set of wine glasses became a much sought-after item and changed hands several times!

Upcoming events through the summer months are the Summer Fair to be held July 31st and Lunch on the Lawn during the local artist show on August 21st. The success of both events is dependent on hard work from each of us. An August get together will be planned and announced using the camp for swimming, boating, playing games, and of course, eating. Church gardens continue to be tended by the ladies as well as upkeep of the facility on a weekly basis with much needed and appreciated help from both non-Guild members and the men of the church. A heartfelt thank-you to everyone for another great year. The next monthly meeting will be held at the home of Ann Mitchell Sept. 28th at 7:00 PM. We warmly welcome all women. Come, and bring a friend!

Submitted by Ann M.



Women's Guild – Ladies Night



Rev Karen and Mary G. dedicating Prayer Shawls

WCC UCC CAMP SERVICE

On Sunday June 27, 2010 the worship service will be at the church camp. The annual church picnic will follow worship. Please bring meat to grill (if desired) and a dish to share (and possibly a folding chair). Christian Education folks will provide paper goods (plates, napkins, & plastic ware) plus bottled water (& flavorings to add). The Deacons will be providing desserts. We encourage all of you to come. It will be a great time of worship, fun, and fellowship.

CHURCH FAIR DAY

The day on which we celebrate the summer with our Annual Church Fair.

Saturday July 31, 2010
9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

We're looking forward to another successful day with all the enthusiasm and fellowship we've enjoyed in past years and we really need your help. If you haven't already signed up to help, please check the sign-up sheet on the kitchen door and choose the job you would like. There are many slots open for you; such as, set-up, clean-up, luncheon help, floater (one who makes the rounds with coffee and snacks for the workers, and helps out where needed). Relief workers to cover for lunch breaks, etc., are always in demand.

Don't forget to bake your favorite cookies, squares, cakes, sweet breads, and especially all kinds of pies. Baked goods bring in a large portion of our profits and we have the best bakers in town!

As co-chairs for the fair, Marlene Douglas, Jean Doughty, and Gerry Edgar will be available to answer any questions you may have and to assist wherever needed.

Any suggestions to improve our efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your time, talent, and donations of all kinds, including money and *Second Time Around* items. We appreciate all your help and contributions offered to make this a successful and profitable day.

Submitted by Gerry E.

LITURGICAL COLORS AND SEASONS OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Continued....

In the Winter edition of this Newsletter, the liturgical colors and seasons of the church year were introduced, and the Season after Epiphany was highlighted. The Spring edition highlighted the Seasons of Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and Pentecost. Although Summer may be Maine's shortest season, the liturgical "Season after Pentecost" continues the Church's longest season and takes us up to the Seasons of Advent and Christmas.

- **Season after Pentecost**



This longest season of the liturgical year is a continuation of the "Time of the Church" that began on the Sunday after Epiphany. It explores the mission of the church and uses the color of Green, symbolizing growth. During this season, the Lectionary offers two options for readings from Hebrew Scripture: the first, topical option selects readings thematically related to the Epistle or Gospel texts. The second, sequential option reads through an entire book of Hebrew Scripture in sequence.

Source:

www.ucc.org/worship/liturgies/liturgical-colors.html

WCC WISH LIST

Here is a list of items that the Church would like to have. Of course, the list could go on, but this is a good start. If you would like to donate these items, or if you would like to donate money towards their purchase, please let Dina Blodgett or the Church Office know.

- ♥ Digital Projector for presentations
- ♥ Ergonomically friendly office computer chair
- ♥ Cross Pendants for Choir (15+)

Thanks for your support!



Goodbye Rev. Karen Janus, and thank-you!



Welcome Rev. Dr. Alice Anderman

FROM THE TRUSTEES

The missing storm windows on the front of the church have been replaced and the damaged siding on the side of the church has been repaired. The paint day scheduled in early June was rained out and will be rescheduled in September.

Work days have been completed for the church and camp. The Trustees wish to thank all who participated.

We will be replacing the tile in the back entry way. In exchange for this work, the contractor will be using the camp for one week and will be mooring his sailboat at the camp for the summer.

Submitted by Doug W.



Mother's Day Hats



Father's Day Ties

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

June Birthdays		June Anniversaries	
1	Alfred Pettengill	6/15/53	George & Ethel Maxim
4	Jared Hanson	6/24/	John & Ann Mitchell
6	Marty Hensen	6/27/53	Steve & Lee Gilman
16	Marie Hatfield	6/22/72	Hariph & Ginger Smith
17	Andy Burns		
19	Larry Ridley		
21	Nancy Ponzetti-Dyer		
	Mark Dennis		
25	Joe Emerson		
29	Sean Putman-Labbe		
30	Ethel Maxim		
July Birthdays		July Anniversaries	
1	Margaret Imber	7/2/76	Bill & Becky Gillespie
2	Don Edgar	7/4/53	Fred & Marlene Douglas
5	Kate Morgner-Dobrzelewski	7/8/78	Dana & Cyndi Hall
9	Amy Tague	7/23/94	Larry & Caroline Ridley
12	Scott Eldridge	7/25/77	Bob & Dayle Ashby
13	Ron Dyer	7/25/92	Roger & Sue Hanson
17	Dayle Ashby	7/28/75	Peter & Marie Hatfield

18	Mary Twombly Laurie Rollins Rosalea Kimball		
22	Chris Smith		
24	Sue Hanson		
27	Alan Ellingwood		
31	John Mitchell		
August Birthdays		August Anniversaries	
8	Kathy Eldridge	8/24/96	Barbara Walsh & Eric Conrad
10	Linda Ruman Becca Irwin		
13	Lee Gilman Barbara Walsh		
15	Greg Phillips Ann Carlee		
16	Lisa deWolfe Charlie Gove Hariph Smith		
18	Chris Dyer		
21	Mary Gove Erin Putman-Labbe Darren Hatfield		
22	Joe Dressler		
25	Martha Payne Diane Richardson		
26	Julie deWolfe Marianne Martin		
30	Doug Whittier		

If any birthdays/anniversaries were missed, or if there are any errors, please let Dina know.

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THANKS

I would like to thank Susan and the Board of CE for the angel figurine presented to me during Sunday School Appreciation day. I was pleasantly surprised and delighted. I was also delighted that Susan stepped forward as Chairperson of the Christian Education Board this year. I must say she is doing a remarkable job. Susan is a natural leader and leads with care & humor! Sincerely, Cyndi

PRAYERS FOR:

John Richardson	Laurie, Shirley,
Fran Burns	Linda Rollins
Don Dyer	Pat & Connie
Bob Ashby	Steve Gilman
Ernie Henderson	Trevor
Tom Clements	Pam Massey
Sally Pelletier	Doris Fader
Roger Rollins	Juanita Mayette
Michael Hamlin	Ronnie Millier
Myra	Family
Ethel and Sonny	Our Military Men &
Maxim	Women
Helen Scott	People who are
Clayton Grace	suffering from
	violence of any kind

