

January  
2019

# The Donut People

*“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” – Acts 2:42*

On the last Monday of every month, our church hosts a coffee hour with our neighbors at Wiscasset Green (a local assisted living house right across Route 1). Most months, one of our volunteers brings donut holes, the staff makes the coffee, and we all just sit down and chat! Because of our steadfast donut offerings each month, we are now fondly known as “the donut people”.

Just this morning, we hosted our coffee hour for December. As we were gathering, my mind was wondering what I would write for this very article (nothing like pushing a deadline, right?). Would I talk about Epiphany and the Wise Men coming? Maybe offer another reminder that Christmas is not over? Perhaps consider New Year’s Resolutions?

Just then, the conversation started. As I allowed myself to just settle in to be present with the company that surrounded me, I was reminded of that verse from Acts which tells us about the importance of simply being together. In this New Year, may we all find more time to simply be with others. To listen and to learn. To care and to share. May we too be thought of and remembered for the time we spend together, whether with donuts or not, for time is such a wonderful gift, at Christmas time and all year long!

In Christmas Joy,

Josh

Rev. Josh Fitterling

Josh

## New Office Hours in 2019!

As of January 1, FCCW’s office hours will be  
Monday through Thursday  
9am-12pm

### MEETING HOUSE CHIMES

First Congregational Church, PO Box 350, Wiscasset, ME 04578  
(207) 882-7544 [www.uccwiscasset.org](http://www.uccwiscasset.org) [fccw@myfairpoint.net](mailto:fccw@myfairpoint.net)

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9am-12pm  
Minister: Rev. Josh Fitterling Organist/Choir Director: Linda Adams  
Church School Teacher & Coordinator: Colleen Crowley



# Successful Defib Training Sponsored by the Organ Society

We are excited to have several church members trained on our defibrillator:



Beth Maxwell  
Jenn Spaur  
Dewey & Anne Harris  
Nancy Roby  
Emily Adler

Thank you to these folks who took the time to be trained! If there is enough demand, the Organ Society is happy to organize more trainings.

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## Sunday Night Bible Study Resumes

Join us as we continue our journey through Paul's letters as we read 1 Corinthians. Bible Study will be held on Sunday nights at 6pm, beginning January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Come for one session, come for all!

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## Upcoming Events from Church in Society

On Friday January 25 join CIS as we once more sponsor Movie Night in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to all for your movie suggestions. The movie starts at 6:30pm and we'll be showing *The Greatest Showman* – a film inspired by the story of P.T. Barnum's creation of the Barnum & Bailey Circus. Popcorn and a free movie with friends is a great way to chase away the winter blues! Hope to see many of you there!

Climate change is in the news a lot, but rarely do you hear about what it will mean for your own home town. On February 3, Dr. Nick Record will talk about what climate change means to Wiscasset and for Midcoast Maine. Dr. Record is an oceanographer at Bigelow Laboratory in East Boothbay and studies the effects of climate change in Maine. Following the talk will be an open question session. A lunch of soup and bread will also be provided. This talk and lunch will be following coffee hour after worship.

## Annual Committee Reports Due on January 7

For our upcoming annual meeting on January 27, we will be putting together an annual report that includes information from each committee about its activities in 2018 and its plans for 2019. These reports are due to the office on January 7. Please submit them by email ([fccw@myfairpoint.net](mailto:fccw@myfairpoint.net)) or hard copy. Thank you!

# THE ORGAN SOCIETY CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH!!

Our Cookie Sale amazes us every year. Here is how it happens. In December each year **the Organ Society requests a donation of cookies** from our congregation for our great Cookie Sale. **People shop for the ingredients** to make cookies, fudge, brownies, etc. Then **people make the goodies and bring them to the church** on the designated day.



**These sweets are then plated** by the same or additional members, stuffed into a plastic bag, a bow is added and sometimes a candy cane (until they run out). Then an amazing event happens the next day after church on Sunday **when all the congregation members (and guests) have the opportunity to BUY the marvelous plates of cookies for their families or give to friends.**

This event happens every December and the Organ Society wants to thank everyone who participated in any way to our successful Cookie Sale!!

**THANKS TO YOU, WE SOLD 60 PLATES OF COOKIES THIS YEAR - THAT'S THE MOST EVER!!!**



## **UPCOMING ON FEB. 8 Feed our Scholars Paint Night!**

St. Philip's Episcopal Church  
Contact Kim Hatt for tickets

## **Epiphany White Gift Service**

On Sunday, January 7th, we will hold our annual White Gift Service, collecting supplies and funds for three local support groups. This year the Diaconate has chosen Midcoast Humane, St. Philip's Food Pantry, and our church's Speed Need Fuel Assistance Fund. Please bring donations of food or pet supplies wrapped in white paper, or checks for the cause of your choice, in white envelopes, with the name of the group you wish to support on the outside.

Please join us for this symbolic celebration of the arrival of the Wise Men with gifts for the Christ Child. Each year we raise over \$400 for these very worthwhile groups who support our community so well.

All checks should be made out to First Congregational Church with the name of your preferred recipient on the bottom of your check. This will make distribution to the groups less complicated and faster than in previous years.

# January 2019

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Fri

Sat

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			No Organ Society	No Choir Practice		
<p>6</p> <p>Epiphany 10 am Communion &amp; Family Worship White Gift Sunday</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:30pm Garden Club Board Meeting (upstairs) 6pm Game Night</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10am-12pm Healthy Kids 4pm Pastoral Relations</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30am Organ Society</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:30am-3:00pm Garden Club 3pm Communications 4pm Choir practice</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>10am Worship &amp; Church School Stewardship AW 6pm Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5pm Trustees 6pm Game Night</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10am-12pm HK (upstairs) 9am-12pm PEO</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30am Organ Society</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:30am Chase Point Service 4pm Choir</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>10am Worship &amp; Church School Diaconate AW 6pm Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p> <p>4:00pm CIS 6pm Game Night</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10am-12pm HK</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30am Organ Society</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4pm Choir 7pm Council</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30 pm CIS Movie Night!</p> 	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>10am Worship &amp; Church School Noisy Offering Annual Meeting followed by Potluck 6pm Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6pm Game Night</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10am-12pm HK</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30am Organ Society</p>	<p>31</p> <p>4pm Choir</p>		

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## **“Shining the Light” - Stewardship 2019 Update**

To all who have already pledged and committed their support for our ongoing ministry in 2019, we say “thank you!” To date, we have received 51 pledges totaling \$90,970 for 2019!

If you have not yet pledged, there is still time to help us reach our goal of \$100,000. Additional pledge cards can be found in the church office or you can simply call the church office and make your pledge over the phone!

May this New Year bring another year of exciting ministry from the heart of Wisconsin!

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**To our Coffee Hosts for January  
Church in Society**

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## **Merry Christmas from the United Church of Christ!**

Through Jesus Christ and with all the fervor of the angels,  
Let our joy be to seek God's peace,  
Our hope be to foster God's peace,  
And our purpose be to announce God's peace.  
Have a blessed Christmas!

From The Rev. John C. Dorhauer (General Minister and President),  
The Rev. Traci D. Blackmon (Associate General Minister,  
Justice and Local Church Ministries), and  
The Rev. James A. Moos (Associate General Minister, Global Engagement  
and Operations, Co-Executive, Global Ministries)

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**★ HAPPY ★  
BIRTHDAY!**

Bud Lewis   Janet Hatch   Susan Attwood  
Aleene Barnes   Sally Jacobs   Betty Applin   Michelle Wentworth  
Mary Lewis   Lisa Hargreaves   Dewey Harris

Meeting House Chimes  
First Congregational Church, U.C.C.  
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**We welcome you to the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset. We are an open and affirming congregation and are open theologically, growing spiritually, and concerned socially.**