

**October
2018**



MEETING HOUSE CHIMES

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The Church Universal

*““And how is it that we hear, each of us,
in our own native language?” - Acts 2:8*

*“¿Cómo es que cada uno de nosotros los oye
hablar en su lengua materna?” - Hechos 2:8*

*“Comment se fait-il donc que nous les entendions
s’exprimer chacun dans notre langue maternelle?” - Actes 2:8*

*“Wie hören wir denn ein jeglicher seine Sprache,
arin wir geboren sind?” - Apostelgeschichte 2:8*

The first Sunday of October is celebrated by many Christians around the world as World Communion Sunday. On this day, we are called to be especially mindful of the vastness of the Christian faith and embrace our unity as Christ’s Church. Though we may speak different languages, observe different traditions, even celebrate Communion in different ways, we are one!

How can we foster this sense of oneness in our world today? What can we each do to bridge the gaps that divide? How are we called to embrace the differences and see the value in the variances of lived experience? As we soon prepare to celebrate on this World Communion Sunday, coming to the table where we know Jesus is host, may we remember that the table of Christ is far longer than ours. For when we partake, we join our Christian family around the world and throughout history. Are you ready to offer the seat next to yours to whomever may join?

Peace,

Josh

Rev. Josh Fitterling

FOCUS GROUP: The Vitality of Our Church

The Pastoral Relations Committee invites you to our next focus group on Sunday, October 7, 2018 at noon at Sarah's Café. If you have not yet signed up in Fellowship Hall, please contact Libby Mooney (phone 107-881-5952 or libbymooney1954@gmail.com) to let her know you would like to join.

Are you interested in becoming a member of the First Congregational Church UCC of Wiscasset?

Do you feel that you have found a faith home among us at FCCW? Do you wish to affirm the covenant that we share as Christ's gathered people here in this place? Are you curious about what it means to become a member or associate member of our congregation? Contact Rev. Josh at 207-882-7544 or joshfitterling@myfairpoint.net to express your interest and to learn more today!

New members will be welcomed into covenant on Sunday, November 18th during our 10am worship service.

Romans Bible Study Continues

In October, we will conclude our study of Romans with our last two sessions. There are two opportunities each week to join us!

Session 1 – Sunday, October 14th at 7pm or Wednesday, October 17th at 11:30am. *We will be studying Romans 13 & 14.*

Session 2 – Sunday, October 21st at 7pm or Wednesday, October 24th at 11:30am. *We will be studying Romans 15 & 16, concluding the book of Romans.*



Whether you have been studying with us from Chapter 1 or would like to jump in now, all are welcome! Contact Rev.

Josh at 207-882-7544 or joshfitterling@myfairpoint.net with any questions.

Oktoberfest – October 13, 10am-2pm

There is still time to bring yard sale and silent auction items! Grab your favorite recipe for fall baked goods. Volunteers are appreciated for setup and cleanup on the day of the event. Please check the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall! Contact Beth Maxwell (phone 207-882-6180, or email emaxwell@myfairpoint.net) with questions or ideas.

Care Package Collection for Dan Harris! Donations requested by Sunday, October 28th

As many know, Anne & Dewey Harris' son, Dan, is serving with the USAF at military headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan. As a thank you to him and his team for their service, we will be collecting items to send in a care package to hopefully arrive before Thanksgiving. As the team is using this time to "get healthy", we request the following items:

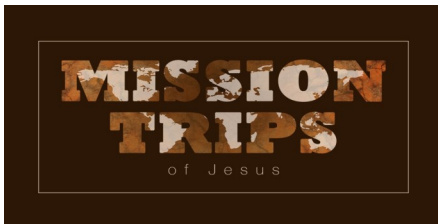
- individual packages of Skinny Pop popcorn
- Emerald 100 calorie packs of mixed nuts and dried fruit
- granola bars
- protein bars
- raisins or other dried fruit

A box will be in Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, October 7th for donations. Thank you for your support!



Want to help plan a Youth Service Trip?

Rev. Josh, along with Rev. Char of the Second Congregational Church UCC of Newcastle, are exploring the possibilities of a joint youth service trip for the summer of 2019! This would be open to youth in the community as well! In order to do this, we



need some dedicated leaders to help in the planning process. Would you be interested in helping us plan? Would you like to go on such a trip as an adult chaperone?

Please be in touch with Rev. Josh at 207-882-7544 or fccw@myfairpoint.net if interested or to learn more. We

Noisy Offering for August = \$171.20!


On the fourth Sunday of every month, First Congregational Church collects a "Noisy Offering" as part of the children's message. This offering of loose change and dollar bills goes in its entirety to the St. Phillip's Episcopal Church food pantry and is one way we partner with other organizations that offer important services to our community.

Window Dressers Week in Fellowship Hall

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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BIRTHDAY SUNDAY Oct. 7! 	Game Night 6pm	Healthy Kids 10am-12pm Garden Club Board Mtg 1:30pm (upstairs) Sheepscot Chorus 7pm	Organ Society 9:30am	Garden Club 10am-2pm Holiday Market- fest 9:30am (upstairs) Choir 4pm		
7 Communion & Family Worship 10am Vitality Focus Group 12pm at Sarah's Café Neighbors in Need Offering	OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY Game Night 6pm	HK 10am-12pm Sheepscot Chorus 7pm	Organ Society 9:30am	Choir 4pm		
14 Worship & Church School 10am First Responders Appreciation Sunday Bible Study 7pm	CIS 4pm Trustees 5pm Game Night 6pm	HK 10am-12pm Sheepscot Chorus 7pm	Organ Society 9:30am Communications 11am Bible Study 11:30am	Habitat for Hu- manity Faith Breakfast 7:30- 9am Choir 4pm Trustees 7pm		
21 Worship & Church School 10am Diaconate AW CWS AW Bible Study 7pm	WINDOW DRESSERS (FH) Game Night 6pm	WINDOW DRESSERS (FH) HK 10am-12pm (upstairs) Sheepscot Chorus 7pm (Sanctuary)	WINDOW DRESSERS (FH) Organ Society 9:30 am (upstairs) Bible Study 11:30am	WINDOW DRESSERS (FH) Choir 4pm	WINDOW DRESSERS (FH) Rev. Josh to Maine UCC Con- ference Annual Mtg (Saco)	WINDOW DRESSERS (H) Maine UCC Con- ference Annual Mtg (Saco)
28 Worship & Church School 10am MISSION SUN- DAY Noisy Offering	Wiscasset Green Coffee 9am Game Night 6pm	HK 10am-12pm Sheepscot Chorus 7pm	Organ Society 9:30am			

First Responder Appreciation Sunday October 14th at 10am



Join us as we take time to recognize, honor, and bless the first responders in our community for all that they do to serve us and our neighbors. All first responders are invited to wear their dress uniforms and join us for this special service!



To our Coffee Hosts for October:
Men of the Church

We Need a New Bell Ringer, or two!

For the past few years, we have been blessed to have 6 volunteers available to ring the church bell on Sundays. Five were responsible for a designated Sunday each month, with an extra volunteer to cover Sundays when a conflict might occur. A few of our faithful volunteers have either moved away or developed medical conditions, so we are down to needing two more: one to cover the 5th Sunday of the month, which only occurs 4 months of the year, and the other to serve as an extra volunteer to cover Sundays when there is a conflict.

Duties: First tug of the bell requires good upper body strength but momentum carries it after that. The bell needs to be rung twice each Sunday: at 9:45am and then again at 10am promptly before the beginning of worship. Call Steve Hatt at 207-882-6712 (stevehatt@roadrunner.com) to ask questions or express interest.

Join us on **October 7** to
celebrate these birthdays!

Maggie Aubin Joan Bickford

Zoe Bigley Tom Cramer Carol Donnell

Don Doughty Tammy Doughty

Charlotte Henry David Lenz Jim Nelon

Greg Shaw Barbara Sullivan



Another Opportunity for T-Shirts!

We are putting together another order of FCCW T-Shirts for delivery in mid-November. If you are interested, please fill in the order form and return it to the office by October 21. Still a bargain at \$15! A sample is on the Upcoming Events bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Sizes: Adult S-3XL

Style: Gildan 100% Cotton T-Shirt

Cost: \$15.00



Name _____

Size _____ Quantity _____

Size _____ Quantity _____

Size _____ Quantity _____

Amount Due: _____

Order Date: _____

Order and Payment Deadline:

Sunday, October 21

Shirts Available Mid-November

Church in Society – Bread for the World Offering of Letters

The Church in Society Committee will be providing letters to be sent to our national Senators and Representatives regarding hunger and poverty issues on Sunday, October 21, after worship. This is being done in conjunction with Bread for the World, a non-profit organization offering a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. All major church bodies support this effort and it is an opportunity for individuals to participate on a completely voluntary basis.

SUMMERFEST 2018

The Summerfest committee met on September 23rd and with the proceeds from another very successful Summerfest in July and the very generous donation from an anonymous friend were able to decide on contributions totaling \$8,800 to the following organizations:

Camp P.O.S.T.C.A.R.D.	Midcoast Literacy
Camp Pride, Pilgrim Lodge	(formally Tri-Co. Literacy Vol)
Carpenter's Boatshop	Miles & St. Andrews Hospice
CHIP, Inc.	Mobius, Inc.
Church World Service	New Hope for Women
Cooper-DiPerri Scholarship	People to People
Feed Our Scholars	St. Philip's Food Pantry
Habitat for Humanity	Sussman House
Healthy Kids	Tedford Housing
Lifeline of Midcoast Maine	Washington Co. Children's Prog.
Lincoln Co. Dental Clinic	Westport Is. Helping Hands
Midcoast Humane-Edgecomb	Wiscasset Green
(formerly L.C. Animal Shelter)	FCCW Special Needs Fund

These donations will be presented at our annual Mission Sunday service on October 28th. We hope you will be able to attend to meet the people in our communities doing such important work to help others in so many ways.

This would not be possible without the efforts of our dedicated congregation and friends who work so hard to create this wonderful event. Thank you all so much. We are deeply grateful as well to our anonymous friend for your generosity and caring.

Again.....thank you all!!!!

From the Diaconate....

The Deacons would like to thank Tom Beane for serving on the board. His willingness to pitch in and help wherever and whenever needed will be sorely missed.

The Deacons would like to encourage you to attend worship on October 14. This will be a day of appreciation for the First Responders of Lincoln County and other areas. It will be a chance to recognize, honor and bless them for the work they do. This will be a day when we can thank them for their service and we hope you will be able to join us. They have been invited to worship and also to coffee hour. Donations of refreshments would be greatly appreciated!

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**We welcome you to the First
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We are an open and affirming
congregation and are open
theologically, growing spiritually, and
concerned socially.**

