

Elijah Kellogg Church

Newsletter



September, 2013
SOUNDINGS

**“For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven...” Ecclesiastes 3:1**

Dear Friends,

As I write this, our summer days are drawing to a close, and a new season of our church year is soon to be upon us. (Though many say the best days of the summer happen in September, just before the changing of the season.)

However you may reckon them, our summer days have been very, very good, and I’m looking forward to the fall.

A new season of our church school, youth and adult education is upon us, with new opportunities for all ages and constellations of our members and friends. (Please see especially our new Christian Education Director, Denise Perry’s article that follows.)

A new season of missions and ministry, joined to a new program of family fellowship and service, will also be beginning. I’m excited for us to come together on a monthly basis – to have some fun, to enjoy each other’s company, and to put our hearts and hands together – to help our church and others in need.

Doubtless there will be Blood Banks, Public Suppers and a Holiday Fair, opportunities to worship together and give thanks with our neighbors at Thanksgiving and Christmas, as well as unforeseen occasions and events, yet to be revealed.

It is well for us to remember the second half of verse 1 from the third chapter of Ecclesiastes – that “God has made everything beautiful in its time.”

Thank you for a great and glorious summer. With you, I look forward to the fall.

Grace and Peace,
John

Family & Faith

***Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old
he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6***

As we take a glimpse back – many of us will find ourselves smiling as we remember Summer Days. As God's Critters we gathered together - 35 campers, 7 youth leaders, and 14 adults. It was a week filled with games, crafts, music, and so much more. Collaboration and teamwork was our focus –this was evident from our campers right down to all the donors and volunteers that made this week possible. Thank you one and all! Check out the bulletin board in the hallway or better yet, our website for some highlights of our week!

As we ramp up for fall – we are recruiting! We are in need of volunteers to help with ALL of our youth programs – Nursery, Sunday School, Youth Group, and Youth Choir. Please consider giving of yourself – the rewards are many. I would be happy to answer any questions and offer guidance or assurance to all who want to help our children grow in faith.

Rally Day is Sunday, September 15th. Help spread the word! The theme this year is The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin. As we rally families in, they will join in the festive games and activities. We will host a family meeting to share our highlights for the year and finish off the event with a picnic lunch. There will be registration forms available for all of our Youth Programs.

Sunday School officially start on September 22nd. We will be following a new curriculum from Spark House that follows the lectionary. The children will enjoy stories from the Bible, engaging them in fun games and activities that bring the lessons to life.

Family Craft Night is October 18th from 5-7pm. Join the fun as we make Salt Water Taffy and roll Beeswax into candles. These crafts will be sold at the Christmas by the Sea Fair on November 2nd. All proceeds from the sale will benefit Church World Service Blanket Project.

Find it in your heart to join us as we lead our children in faith.

With Blessings,
Denise Perry

Nursery + Sunday School + Youth Group + Youth Choir +
Family Ministries

RALLY DAY @ Elijah Kellogg Church

Sunday, Sept 15th from 10 - Noon

Register your Children

Meet the Leaders & Teachers

Socialize with Other Families

Join in the Games & Activities

Enjoy the Picnic

Feel the excitement as we begin a new year at EKC!

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Moderator's Challenge

At the Roll Call Meeting in 2012 Moderator Ned Pierce issued a challenge to the church to end 2012 with a surplus in the Operating Account. As you know we did end up with a \$4,000 surplus. We have been requested to do this again this year. Each month I will provide the month-end figures of 2013 for comparison with the month-end figures of 2012. With everyone's help we can accomplish our goal again this year.

	July 2013		July 2012
Income	\$105,611	Income	\$ 92,386
Expenses	<u>\$105,334</u>	Expenses	<u>\$109,205</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 227	Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 16,818)

Board of Deacons

Communion will be served on Sunday, September 1.

The next meeting of the Deacons is Tuesday, September 10.

Board of Finance

Next meeting: Thursday, September 12, 7pm

Board of Missions

The Board of Missions met on August 11 and were able to disburse the following funds:

Save the Children	\$200
Bangor Seminary	200
Heifer Project	200
Habitat for Humanity	200
Nat'l Red Cross (Disaster)	200
	\$1200

Our Food Bank donations are way down. This past Sunday was its lowest ebb. With children out of school this is often the most substantial meal of the day for many, and it is the contributions that keep it going not only in the winter months, but all year long. Please keep this wonderful program in your thoughts and prayers.

Next meeting: Friday, September 13, 9am

Kay Greenwood, Chair

From the Remembrance Committee: We are pleased to record the following recipients of memorial gifts to the Remembrance Fund from January 1 through July 30, 2013.

Jack Eberly
Ann Marie Goffin
Doris Hunter Cox
Rev. David Hunter
Alice Lawton
Betsy Clough

Women's Fellowship

Keep your eyes peeled for an announcement in the bulletin for this group!

The Brown Bag Lunch

Following our usual summer hiatus The Brown Bag Lunch will reconvene on Tuesday, September 10 at noon. Our speaker will be David Chipman who will join us to discuss Harpswell's proposed Conservation Subdivision addition to the town's Comprehensive Plan. Developed by the Comprehensive Pan Implementation Committee (CPIC), with input from town residents, the goal for this initiative is to shape new construction that will "enhance the quality of our town... by shaping a housing solution that balances both growth and development with the natural environment."

Join us to hear background of the proposal and participate in the discussion of the advantages of developing conservation subdivisions for Harpswell. The coffee will be ready, bring a sandwich and a friend and we hope to see you at 12:00, Tuesday, September 10.

October Newsletter deadline: Monday, September 16

The newsletter will be delivered to your house and *also* emailed. Extra copies may be found in the information racks in the vestibule and in the hallway between the bulletin boards.

Please email items to (susan@elijahkelloggchurch.org) or leave written announcements in the office.

Thank you, Susan

The Book Group will start up again in September and it is usually the 3rd Monday of the month.

Harpswell Community Blood Drive Saturday, September 21

Help us to save lives by joining us at the Harpswell Community Blood Drive. Come down to the Elijah Kellogg Church Saturday, September 21 from 9 AM - 2 PM here in Fellowship Hall. Call Connie Henry for an appointment, 833-5567. Walk-ins are accepted. All are welcome!



CRIBBAGE

Meet us in Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm on the last Wednesday of the month – September 25th

Life at our Church

Sundays Food Bank Offering
9am and 11:15am Choir practice
Thursdays 10 am Bible Study

Sunday, Sep 1 Communion

Monday, Sep 2 Labor Day, office closed
 HCNS Committee 6:30pm
 Tuesday, Sep 3 Women's Fellowship 11am
 HCNS start up 9am
 Saturday, Sep 7 Fellowship Hall reserved 9-12
 Monday, Sep 9 Start HCNS Extended Day 9-2
 Trustees 7pm
 Tuesday, Sep 10 Bag Lunch 12pm;
 HCNS Cttee 6:30pm; Deacons 7pm (parlor)
 Wednesday, Sep 11 Start HCNS Extended Day 9-2
 Thursday, Sep 12 Finance Board 7pm
 Friday, Sep 13 Missions 9am; Wedding rehearsal
 Saturday, Sep 14 Dennison/Navarro wedding
 Sunday, Sep 15 *RALLY DAY* Festivities! Activities!
 Monday, Sep 16 November Newsletter deadline;
 Casual Book Club 1pm
 Tuesday, Sep 17 Church Council 7pm
 Thursday, Sep 19 Fellowship Hall reserved 12-3pm
 Saturday, Sep 21 Community Blood Drive,
 Fellowship Hall 9am-2pm
 Sunday, Sep 22 Sunday School begins 10am
 Wednesday, Sep 25 Cribbage 7pm

Readers

01 Tom Bachman
 08 Ashley Braley
 15 Rachel Beane
 22 Bill Hunter
 29 Gail Johnson

Ushers

01 Ed and June Phinney
 08 Rick and Signe Daniel
 15 Art and Elizabeth Dyer
 22 Arnold and Nancy Bennett
 29 Rollie Weeman and John Wright

Nursery

01 Ashley & Erica
 08 Kristie & Kyle
 15 Lydia & Hannah
 22 Susan & Caroline
 29 Elizabeth & Olivia



CHRISTMAS BY THE SEA FAIR



Saturday, November 2, 2013

Count down! Our fair is 63 days away. Mark your calendars now. We hope you will want to be a part of this all-church fair. Think about items you may want to contribute this year. Your handiwork is most welcome for the Crafts, Flowers Plus, or Men's Tables. Jams, jellies, fudge, and canned items or whatever you put up from your garden are great for the Country Store. "Stuff" that you no longer want will be gratefully accepted for our Treasures Tables. If you would like to help, please contact Linda Clement, 729-8563, or the following:

Advertising & Publicity: Ellie Patterson 725-1445
 Baked Goods: June Phinney 725-2438
 Country Store: Linda Gillis 833-6074 & Nancy Hurst 833-2343
 Crafts: Connie Henry 833-5567 & Blee Horton 833-6809
 Doll House Raffle: Kay Greenwood 833-0907 & Nancy Schlieper 725-0291
 Flowers Plus: Ellie Hunter 833-5049 & Joan Phillips 729-6110 & Meg Tucker 729-8111
 Hot Dogs: Jim Croft 721-0528
 Luncheon: Pat Moody 833-5535 & Vicki Stevens 729-8315
 Luncheon Money: Susan Ferris 666-3247 & Betty McCausland 729-8475
 Men's Table: Bill Greenwood 833-0907, Ed Phinney 725-2438 & George Patterson 725-1445
 Parking: Herb Ferris 666-3247
 Signage: Chris Braley 837-1330
 Silent Auction: Bruce and Pat Myer 725-5510
 Table set up/take down: Jim Smith 833-6246
 Treasures: Nancy Bennett 833-7714 & Evangeline Sparks 833-6295

THE DOLL HOUSE RAFFLE

Many warm thanks to Carole Quimby and Nancy Patterson – not only have they done research and decorating on The Doll House, they also have displayed it *and* have started ticket sales! It will be moved to the church for viewing sometime in September.

And now we need some help: We will need volunteers at the church to sell tickets 2 days a week (times to be announced). Nancy Schlieper and Kay Greenwood will alternate Saturday sales; and they will be available every Sunday after church for anyone wishing to pick up tickets to sell.

Thank you and we hope to see a lot of you!

Kay and Nancy

For ALL the men of our Church:

You will comment that it is too soon to talk about the Christmas Fair, but really it is not. Speaking now provides time for ideas to gel, for plans of timing, most of all for doing something!

The Fair has been seen as a women's organization event; it is not. It is a church-wide event and everyone is encouraged to contribute in some way; that includes the men. Please consider making something for the Men's Table.

It need not be large or fancy; it only needs to have purchase appeal. I know there are many of you that have talents that could make a good contribution to the Fair's results. Please give it a go. Thanks, George

Craft table

Our Christmas Fair in November had earned a reputation for being one of the best in the area. Some people come quite a distance to shop and eat here. This is an event for the whole church family, not just for the senior ladies! The Craft Table needs donations from all kinds of handcrafters, not just knitters and sewers. Christmas decorations of all kinds sell well – do you make a clever little tree ornament? Table decorations? An eye-catcher for the front door? Get your projects started now—November 2nd comes before you know it! Questions? Call Connie 833-5567 or Blee 833-6809

Silent Auction

Time to make some noise about the Silent Auction!

November will be here before long, so please start thinking about special items or services you would be willing to donate to the Silent Auction (items that often interest buyers include Vacation Homes Rentals, Special Crafts [talents or items], Services, Select Treasures, etc.) Pick up and storage of items is available. *Early* volunteers would be appreciated and rewarded.

Bruce & Pat Myer - 725-5510 myerp@comcast.net

The Country Store

Attention, Ladies (Gentlemen, too!) who plan to make jams, jellies, pickles, dilly beans and other edibles from the summer's bounty. It's not too soon to be thinking ahead to the Country Store "booth" at the EKC Fair and perhaps to making some extra to donate. These homemade items are often the major money raiser at the Country Store. In addition to the standard fare which is always popular, there are often requests for sugar-free and pepper jellies, mixed flavored jams and other unusual items. Nancy and Linda would be very grateful for your offerings.

Linda Gillis 833-6074 & Nancy Hurst 833-2343

Treasures

Please start setting aside things for us to sell. We will be collecting them in mid-October.

Nancy Bennett BennettNA@comcast.net
or Evangeline Sparks 833-6295.

BAKE SALE

Bakers needed (even occasional ones) to make an item or items for the Christmas by the Sea Holiday Fair Bake Sale to be held Saturday, November 2, 2013 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

It will be greatly appreciated if you can help out in this area. A large amount and variety of baked goods is needed. All items usually sell and need to be delivered between 8-9 a.m. at the church in order to be priced. If this time is not convenient we can make other arrangements. Please label your items and package them ready to sell. Cookies, bars, squares, etc. usually sell in packages of 6 if medium sized - if smaller, maybe 8 to a package.

Help is also needed to price, cashier and assist the customers the day of the fair. If you can spare an hour or two between 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. please contact June Phinney by email (harpowell@netscape.com) or call 725-2438. Many thanks!!!

Nursery School News

We look forward to the start of school on Tuesday, September 3. Our MWF class is full at 12 children, and the TTH class is filling up quickly. Several of the nursery school children attended Summerdays, a wonderful way of staying connected that will help them feel more comfortable at school in the fall.

With George Patterson's help, we have put up shelves in the nursery school office for supplies that used to "live" down in the sand room. Denise Perry has been instrumental in organizing our materials and making them more accessible for staff, and her recent appointment as Christian Education Director will make communication between HCNS and Christian Ed even smoother.

Our garden has been producing well and is in good shape, with families tending it each week. We are especially rich in pumpkins this year. If you need a pie pumpkin, please see Myrna or one of the teachers. I do believe we will have plenty!

On Saturday, September 28, at 9 am, the nursery school will sponsor a 5K Walk/Run at Mitchell Field as both a fundraiser and a wonderful way to connect with the community. Please pass the word along to friends and neighbors about this event. The website for signing up is hcns5k.webs.com

Finally, our nursery school advisory committee is looking for new members, and we would be delighted to have church members on the committee. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the committee, please contact Myrna at 725-7103 or hcnsdirector@gmail.com

Enjoy these last days of summer!
Myrna Koonce, HCNS Director