

HCNS Sponsors Run by the Bay 5K Race/Walk and Kids Fun Run

The Harpswell Community Nursery School will hold its annual Run by the Bay 5K Race/Walk and Kids' Fun Run fundraiser on Saturday, May 6 at Mitchell Field on Route 123 in Harpswell. The race will take place at 10 am, followed by the children's ½ mile Fun Run. There will be pizza from Portland Pie, Wicked Joe coffee, and bagels from Dunkin Donuts. Wild Oats will be providing cookie certificates to all Fun Runners! Crafts and activities will start at 8:30 and Matt Loosigian of Earthjams.com, will be providing the music. It is sure to be a morning that has a little something for everyone, so bring your folding chairs, family, and join us either by running or cheering in support of a great resource to the Harpswell community in a beautiful, and historic, location in Harpswell.

The fee to participate in the 5K is \$20 per person; if you register online at runbythebay.org and \$22 on race-day. The ½ mile children's fun run is free. The first 25 on-line registrants will receive a free aluminum water bottle.

HCNS fosters early learning through compassion, creativity, and connections to community, nature, and each other. This event will benefit the school's scholarship fund and provide resources for our natural play space and scientific investigations.

To register for the 5K, go to runbythebay.org. Race registration will also take place on Saturday, the day of the event, from 8:30-9:30 am. For more information, contact Tahnthawan Coffin at 607-0544.

Church Calendar

Sunday, Apr. 30:	9:30 am - Bell Choir Practice 10 am - Service Newsletter Meeting , in the parlor, right after the service! 11:15 am - Choir Practice
Monday, May 01:	7 pm - Deacons
Tuesday, May 02:	11 am - Women's Fellowship
Wednesday, May 03:	7 pm - Cribbage Tournament, 5th night, Fellowship Hall
Thursday, May 04:	11 am - Bible Study
Saturday, May 6:	9am - 3pm - CCCME Spring Meeting @ Kenduskeag Union Church



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**Sunday Service
April 30, 2017**

Welcome to Elijah Kellogg Church! We are glad that you could be with us this morning!

Please let us know how we can be of service to you. Feel free to fill out an information card found in the pew, and place it in the offering plate.

Sunday School for young children is provided. Child care for small children is available.

Please join us for our Coffee Hour following the morning service.

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Introit

***Call to Worship** (Responsive) from Psalm 116

I love the Lord, because He has
heard my voice.

**What shall I return to the Lord
for all His bounty to me?**

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord
In the presence of His people.**

Service

*Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer (in Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn 82 "High in the Heavens, Eternal God"

Children's Time

(The children are dismissed to Sunday School.
Child care for young children is available.)

First Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 Pew Bible, p. 935

Responsive Reading - from Psalm 16

The Lord is my portion and my cup;
God holds my lot.

**The boundary lines have fallen for me in
pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**

I keep the Lord always before me; because
He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

**Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.**

Lord, You show me the path of life.

**In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Faith & Family

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

It has been an exciting season ... preparing and witnessing Jesus' resurrection. As we move towards summer we will continue to serve as Jesus did - having God's love reflected in our prayers and actions. Please join us in sharing His love and light.

During the Lenten season, we collected our change to *fill the Arks* and bought tickets at our Chance Auction ... all to benefit **Heifer International**. The winners of our auction were: Scottie Larson (girl's basket); Sally Conrad (boy's basket); Barry Dubord (women's basket); and Trisha (men's basket). Thanks to our combined efforts and generosity, **we raised \$921!** Together we were able to send one girl to school, provided Baskets of Hope to twelve families and gave honeybees to an additional family!

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success! We had 68 children and twice as many adults join our event. This year we featured *The Easter Robin*, a story of compassion and faith. The story about a girl named Tressa, whose grandmother reveals to her the legend of a small robin who saw Jesus struggling and soared to help him. The children were delighted creating their own Easter robins, designing Easter eggs and of course hunting for the 1000 hidden eggs! Thank you for everyone who helped make this event a great community event, (supplying candy, filling the eggs, hiding them, making refreshments, welcoming the families, making crafts, and cleaning up) – all in celebration of Jesus!

Beatriz turned 17 in April! Thank you for everyone that sent her a note to wish her the very best. We have received another letter from her. It is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway for everyone to read. She is growing into an incredible young woman filled with God's love! This summer the Sunday school will be holding a car wash to raise the money to send Beatriz to school for another year. Details will be coming soon!

Habitat for Humanity/7 Rivers provides affordable housing opportunities in Brunswick, Harpswell, Sagadahoc county, and Lincoln county, Maine. Every spring our church commits to raising funds to support this mission. The Executive Director, Mark Primeau, joined our worship service on April 23rd to share with us some highlights about Habitat's mission. On the same day, the Sunday school hosted a Bake sale raising \$50 towards the spring walk. A team of walkers is gathering sponsors and will join the spring walk on May 7th.

Our first Parent Support Group, in Partnership with Harpswell Community Nursery School, took place on Tuesday, April 25th from 11am-12pm. The second one is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10th from 1-2pm. If you (or someone you know) would like to join us, please come. Everyone is welcome!

Children's Sunday will take place on **June 4th**. The children will be leading the service that day as we celebrate Pentecost and recognize ALL that have served Jesus through serving one another ...as Jesus did. Please join us - all are invited to the Church's birthday party!

Kick-off-the-Summer Community Event: On Sunday, **June 25th** join us for an afternoon of fun as we play with our neighbors ...kickball, volleyball, basketball, and tennis. Details coming soon!

Notes & News

Craft Group meets Tuesdays, 10a-12p. If you don't craft, we can assign you a job to make items for the Christmas Fair. The group meets in the church craft room. Hope to see you there. Elly and Susan

Women's Fellowship will meet on Tuesday, May 2, at 11 am. Our guest speaker will be John Carson who will speak about "My trip to Nepal." Members are encouraged to bring friends. If you plan to stay for the meeting please bring a sandwich. Drinks and dessert will be served.

May 2, Tuesday, 11 am - 2 pm, "Cooking with Friends" at the Orrs Island Schoolhouse, Harpswell. Free event for Harpswell Seniors, limited to 14 people. Call Linda Strickland at the Town Office to register, 207-833-5771.

Bible Study meets here on Thursday mornings at 11 am. Please join us!

The Elijah Kellogg Church will once again be holding its annual Barn/Furniture/Antique sale on Saturday, July 1st from 9-2. Please remember us when you are doing your spring cleaning, and looking for new homes for your items in good quality, like new condition. We will be accepting antiques, furniture, household items, tools, sports items, summer or camping items, baby and children's items, and any kind of jewelry. We will not be accepting TV's, clothing, bedding, books, magazines, tapes and stuffed animals. **We have two upcoming drop off dates for your goods at the barn behind the church on April 30th from 12-2, and on May 5th from 3-6.** We will also be renting tables for \$25 for folks who would like to sell their own goods. Please call Carrie at 729-6267 to reserve your own table. Please contact Ashley for donation questions, furniture pickup, and volunteer opportunities at: Ashley.braley@gmail.com or 837-1334. Hope you see you there!

Habitat Walk to Build Affordable Housing - Sunday, May 7. We appreciate the many anonymous donations of refreshments to help the walkers from start to finish. Please join us if you can. **Sponsor a walker** - EKC is building a team to walk in the Habitat for Humanity Spring Walk. Pledge sheets are available in Fellowship Hall or you can donate online at: <https://secure.volunteermatrix.com/habitat7rivers.org/runwalk/sponsor.php?7HF>

The Hillcrest Cemetery Association's Annual Meeting is Thursday, May 11 in Fellowship Hall at 7 pm. The Hillcrest Association is looking for willing, interested volunteer leaders.



**May Food Bank Donation:
Pasta & Sauce**

Service

*Gloria Patri 513

Anthem "All Heaven Declares" (Richards and Fettke)

Second Lesson Luke 24:13-35 Pew Bible, p. 860

Sermon "Road Trip"

*Hymn 343 "In Heavenly Love Abiding"

Prayers of the People
Sharing Joys and Concerns
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response

Call to Giving
Offertory
*Doxology 515

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 397 "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

*Benediction

Choral Blessing

Postlude

*All who are able, please stand.

Serving You this Morning

Minister	Rev. John Carson
Christian Education Director	Denise Perry
Pianist	Elizabeth Quimby
Choir Director	Sue Luce
Greeters	Nancy & Arnold Bennett
Ushers	Tom Bachman, Eric Wohltjen
Reader	Ruth Smith
Nursery Attendants	Sue Ferris
Trustee	Dave Fitzgerald, 324-1811
Hospitality	Flower Committee

The flowers on the communion table are given by Nancy Hurst & Linda Gillis in loving memory of their father, Bill Wells.

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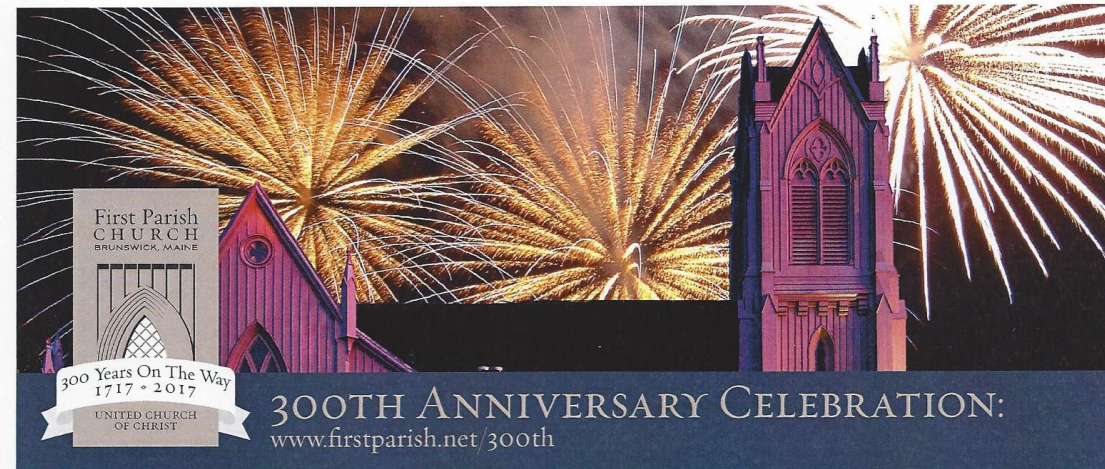
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SATURDAY, MAY 6

Diana Butler Bass

PARISH LEARNING EVENT

As we celebrate 300 years of faith journeys, we explore the next century! Author, speaker, and scholar of religion Diana Butler Bass shares her work on changing perspectives of God and how those changes are transforming individuals and faith communities, building on her most recent book, *Grounded: Finding God in the World, A Spiritual Revolution*.



Educational Workshops with the Maine Conference, United Church of Christ - 12:30-5pm

Keynote from Dr. Bass - 7:00pm

For more information visit: www.firstparish.net/dianabutlerbass or call: 207-729-7331

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