



### Church Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 25:	10 am – Christmas Day Sunday Service
Monday, Dec. 26:	HCNS week vacation, will resume Jan. 3
Wednesday, Dec. 28:	7 pm Cribbage, Fellowship Hall
Thursday, Dec. 29:	NO Bible Study
Sunday, Jan. 1:	10 am – New Year's Day Service

Do you have a bulletin announcement? Please submit it by Wednesday, 9 am, the week before.  
 Email to: [tina@elijahkelloggchurch.org](mailto:tina@elijahkelloggchurch.org). Thank you.

**Jesus** RESTORER OF HOPE Lord of Lords  
 THE WORD Holy One  
 Bread of Life **Master** BRANCH  
**STAR** ALPHA & OMEGA Teacher  
 Dayspring Prince of Peace  
 Son of Man COMFORTER  
 everLASTING SHILOH **Anchor**  
**FATHER** The Almighty **Light**  
 Counselor TRUE VINE of the  
 MESSIAH THE LIFE **HIGH**  
 Giver of Life **PRIEST** World  
**BRIGHT MORNING** & Blessings THE BELOVED  
 FAITHFUL & TRUE WITNESS **Shield** ROCK  
**Mediator** Wonderful Counselor  
 The Resurrection King of Kings  
 Immanuel **The Amen**  
 LAMB OF GOD Healer I AM **LIVING**  
**Good** **Savior** Redeemer **WATER** ONLY BEGOTTEN SON  
 Shepherd **Advocate** The Way, the Truth & the Life



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**Sunday Service  
 December 25, 2016**

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.



Prelude

Christmas Greetings!

Introit

**\*Call to Worship** (Responsive) from Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song, for  
 He has done marvelous things.

**His right hand and His holy arm  
 have gotten Him victory.**

The Lord has made known His victory.  
 He has revealed His vindication  
 in the sight of the nations.

**He has remembered His steadfast love  
 and faithfulness to the house of Israel.  
 All the ends of the earth have seen  
 the victory of our God.**



*Vouchers for Coats for Seniors Now Available*

Now that the weather has finally turned cold, Harpswell seniors-in-need may reap the benefits of Maine Association of Area Agencies on Aging "Coats for Seniors" project. Through the generous donations of Harpswell residents, HAH collected a total of 102 gently used coats and donated them to Goodwill. Liz Bouve said, "As the pick-up-and-deliver gal, I was very impressed with the quantity and quality of the coats. Harpswell folks always come through."

As part of the "Coats for Seniors" program, Goodwill will provide a voucher to an older adult in need of a free winter coat. The vouchers, which are available at the Town Office, allow the senior to go to Goodwill and select his/her own coat. Many older adults are reluctant to ask for a voucher. If you have a neighbor or friend in need of a winter coat, you can collect the voucher for them. If they need a ride, perhaps offer them transportation/company to use the voucher.

*New Program -The Communication Connection*

To reach older Harpswell adults who don't have access to email, or who use email infrequently, we are launching a new neighborly calling program this month.

An HAH volunteer will make a weekly call to an older resident interested in receiving information on available senior resources and other relevant topics. This is a great opportunity to learn about resources, have questions answered, and meet a new neighbor.

If you are interested in receiving a call, or being a caller, contact Charlene Boulais at 207-406-2743

**Did You Know...**

**HAH Needs Volunteers**

We need volunteers to create and edit videos, and serve on committees. There are also opportunities to respond on an as-needed basis, such as picking up groceries or shoveling snow.

The rewards of being a good neighbor are many. Time commitments can vary based on your schedule.

For more information, visit our website and download our volunteer form, call Charlene Boulais at 207-406-2743, or email [hah@hah.community](mailto:hah@hah.community).

**New HAH Health and Wellness Referral List**

As we age, our need for health and wellness services increase. The list is available on our website under Senior Resources at [www.hah.community](http://www.hah.community)

**For more information about HAH  
 visit our Website at: [www.hah.community](http://www.hah.community)  
 email [hah@hah.community](mailto:hah@hah.community) or call 207-833-5771**



**December Food Bank Donation:  
Canned Soup**

Baskets are located in Fellowship Hall and in the front of the

Thank you!

Your Board of Missions



**January Food Bank Donation:  
Cereal**

Baskets are located in Fellowship Hall and in the front of the Sanctuary.

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**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 130 "Joy to the World! The Lord is Come"**

Lighting of the Advent Candles  
 Sentences  
 Candles  
 Prayer

Christmas Lessons from the Scriptures

Isaiah 9:2-7	Pew Bible, p. 555
John 1:1-4, 10-13	Pew Bible, p. 862

**Hymn Sing!**

Call to Giving  
 Offertory  
**\*Doxology (# 515)**

The Christmas Story  
 Luke 2:1-7, 8-14, 15-20    Pew Bible, p. 832

Christmas Messages...

Anthem "Child of God" (Frombach / Davis)

A Christmas Prayer

**\*Hymn 120 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

**\*A Christmas Blessing**

\*All who are able, please stand.

Postlude

## Serving You this Morning

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. John Carson
<b>Christian Education Director</b>	Denise Perry
<b>Pianist</b>	Elizabeth Quimby
<b>Choir Director</b>	Sue Luce
<b>Greeters</b>	Rachel Beane & family
<b>Ushers</b>	Susan & Herb Ferris
<b>Readers</b>	John Carson, Rachel Beane
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Denise Perry
<b>Trustee</b>	Eric Wohltjen, 833-0924
<b>Hospitality</b>	Hospitality



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## Notes & News

**Women's Fellowship will not meet in January.** But will have a great program for February!

**Cribbage** will meet Wednesday, December 28th at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall.

**HCNS** is on break Friday, December 23 to Monday, January 2nd. Happy Holidays!

**We have some dishes that didn't make it home.** They are on the side table in Fellowship Hall, if they are yours please claim them! Thank you, Hospitality

**From the Deacons:** We have not received many donations to the Deacon's Benevolent fund for Christmas gift cards, we therefore decided to continue collecting and will send out gift cards in February before vacation. Thank you for your contributions to this fund. We will continue to support local needs.

**Harpswell Aging at Home needs volunteers** to create and edit videos, to serve on committees, and to respond on an as-needed basis for such as picking up groceries or shoveling snow. To learn more or to sign up to volunteer visit their new website: [www.hah.community](http://www.hah.community), or call Charlene Boulais at 406-2743.

**These are the last days of our annual Stewardship Campaign,** the time when we make pledges to the church for the year to come. If you have not made an annual pledge to the church before, there are extra packets available in the office. It is a real help to the people entrusted with the financial stability of the church to know well in advance what we can count on for income from your pledges as we take responsibility for the coming year. With thanks, The Finance Board

**Flower Committee Announcement:** Our weekly flowers have been arranged by Skillins Greenhouses for many years and we've been very pleased with their lovely presentations and plan to continue using their services. Unfortunately, costs have increased significantly over recent years and the price must now be raised. As of Sunday, January 1, 2017, the weekly charge for the flower arrangement will be \$40.00. (We have checked with several other local florists in the area and their prices are comparable with Skillins.)

As always, we will contact you about your arrangement to see if you wish to continue using Skillins for your floral donation. You may choose to do your own arrangement, or you may wish to order your flowers from another source. If you have any questions, please see Carrie Bubier, Patty O'Brien Carrier, Linda Clement, Linda Gillis, Kay Hunter, or Joan Phillips.