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Sunday services can be heard live on the radio at WHPW 97.3 FM. Or watch previous weeks on the following Vimeo link: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/7960701>  
We hope you will join us for worship this Sunday at 10:00am. After the service, please join us for Fellowship.

## ***A Word from Pastor Joe***

Dear Friends in Christ at the Elijah Kellogg Church,

As I think you know the Council is seeking input from every parishioner about a Five Year Plan. I have addressed the process in my *News and Notes* entry for the last two weeks. But it must be the season for five year planning. Why do I say that? The town of Harpswell is in the process of developing a five year plan and the Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick is developing a five year plan. I got an email survey about the library plan which asked for my input. Below are some of the questions the library asked followed with questions which might apply to the Kellogg Church or any church.

**The library question:** Do you/your family use Curtis Library, the Library bookmobile, or digital resources? Why or why not? If you visit the library, how often do you visit? Do you have a library card?

**The church question:** Do you/your family use the Kellogg Church, attend services of worship, come to the suppers, seek out gifts at the Holiday Fair? If not, why not?

**The library question:** Do you/your family feel welcome when you come to the library? Why or why not? What can the library do to ensure it is a welcoming, community-oriented space for all citizens of Brunswick and Harpswell?

**The church question:** Do you/your family feel welcome when you come to the Kellogg Church? Why or why not? What can the Church do to ensure it is a welcoming, community-oriented space for all?

**The library question:** What can we do to better meet your needs at the library? Please tell us more about what you would do differently?

**The church question:** What can we do to better meet your needs at the church? Please tell us more about what you would do differently?

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Let me make a couple comments. Just based on the fact that so many organizations are involved in making plans, it must be important. The process of developing a plan is the key to having a plan. If you do not participate in developing a plan there will be no plan. So please give the folks on the Council some input.

See you in church.

Joe Connolly

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**OFFICE HOURS FOR THE WEEK OF 10/16 - 10/20 - Monday, 10/16 - 9:00 - 11:00.**

**The Bible Study passage for Monday 10/16 at 11:00 a.m. is Matthew 22:15-22.**

## **\*\*\*ATTENTION - Mold Remediation Update\*\*\***

Mold Bros. are scheduled to perform the cleaning and sanitization of the entire basement to kill all mold spores present. In the limited time we have left, please focus on the areas where certain boards and committees may still have WANTED items to be stored in plastic containers. Empty containers can be found in the barn.

This last concerted effort to organize all wanted items that may STILL be left is only beneficial financially for the church. Any items left unaccounted for and not in plastic containers will be considered unwanted. A few exceptions will be considered.

Some of us have worked VERY HARD on clearing out unwanted items this past year, which have been discarded, or moved to the barn, or somewhere else.

Thank you for your understanding,  
Dave Fitzgerald

## **Fellowship Hour**

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Fellowship hour is a great way to get to visit with people. Hospitality needs your help hosting this time. Boards, Committees and individuals are welcome to sign up for Sundays in November and December.

## **Five-Year Strategic Plan**

- The Congregational Council thanks everyone who took the time to think about how they would like to see the Church function over the next five years, our priorities and how we allocate our resources; and conveyed their ideas to us over the past two weeks. Originally, we had planned to discuss those ideas in small groups on Sunday, October 15. However, in reviewing the input received, we have decided to hit the PAUSE button and review the input received at our Council meeting on October 17 before proceeding with the group discussions. Based on the discussion and decisions made on the 17th there may be one or more additional steps added to the process before we schedule the group discussions.

We will keep you posted on our progress and a revised schedule following our meeting on Tuesday.

Your Congregational Council

## **Holiday Fair**

### **Luncheon**

**Lobster Shelling** ~ Helpers are needed to shell lobsters for the Holiday Fair Luncheon. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the hallway if you can join us in the church kitchen on **Wednesday, November 1 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Pies Needed** ~ Pies are also needed for the luncheon on Saturday, November 4, 2023. Please sign the list in the hallway if you are willing to provide one or more pies. Pies may be left in the kitchen on the afternoon of **Friday, November 3 or before 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 4.**

Thank you for your help with pies and shelling!

### **Online Auction**



Christmas by the Sea  
**Holiday Fair**

Curious about the Holiday Fair's online auction? The auction site will open for viewing at midnight on Thursday, the 12th. Please have a look at the

at Elijah Kellogg Church  
**Saturday, November 4**  
**9 am - 2 pm**

Handmade Crafts  
 Treasures  
 Country Store & Baked Goods

Luncheon 11 am - 1 pm  
 Lobster Rolls, Fish Chowder, Egg  
 Salad Sandwiches & Pie!

Credit Cards Accepted!

**Online Auction**  
 October 20 - November 1

**The link for the auction is:**  
 auctria.events/2023EKCHolidayFair

Location: 917 Harpswell Neck Rd., Harpswell FMI: 833-6026

wonderful items available this year.

Bids cannot be placed until 5 pm on October 20 through 8 pm on November 1. **We are aiming for more bidders this year, so please help by spreading the word about the auction to your friends and family members.** Here is the link to the auction site both for browsing beginning October 12 and for actual bidding beginning 5 pm on October 20:

<https://auctria.events/2023EKCHolidayFair>. You can also find the link at <http://www.elijahkelloggchurch.org> (click on News and Events at the top of the home page).

We are still looking for additional items to list in the auction. Does your gift drawer need thinning out? Do you have an item you ordered on Amazon that isn't quite right? Do you have something that you thought was too special for the barn sale? Are you sorting through old or new treasures? We would be grateful for any last minute donations.

Thank you,

Patty O'Brien Carrier, Pat Myer, Rob Porter, and Allen Tucker

## Calling all Bakers, Preservers and Candy Makers!

Our annual Christmas by the Sea Fair is swiftly approaching (November 4). Your help is needed to stock our Country Goods section. Have you been canning your garden's bounty? Making jams and jellies?

We are looking for preserves and more. Baked goods of all kinds: breads, muffins, cakes, pies, cookies and brownies. Fudge! Toffee!

A basket will be outside the church office to collect the labeled jars of preserves and jellies. Baked goods will be accepted in the days just before the big event.

Contact Becky Gallery (833-6159) or Krista Hinman (860-670-3467) for more

information.

**Thank you for helping support our fair!**

## ***Moment for Missions***

In keeping with our 4-part program of supplying needed items for the current Tedford Shelters, October will be the month we have selected to contribute: **TOILETRIES AND PERSONAL ITEMS**. Among the list are:

Razors and Shaving Cream

Mouthwash

Shampoos

Toothbrushes

Body Washes and Soaps

Kleenex and Toilet Tissue

Deodorants

**(Items should be Full Size, not the sample or travel size)**

This should be a fun and quick request to fill, although the housewares was so very rewarding to see EKC's creativity and generosity in action.

**Thank you,**

Your Board of Missions