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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.

Hello everyone,

We wish that COVID-19 was gone and no longer an issue. Alas! On Sundays at church, the windows will still be open a little for ventilation, so please dress warmly. Masks are recommended, though not required, inside the church building.

In Cumberland County, the COVID-19 hospital admission level is Low. Here are recommendations and info from the Maine CDC website:

- [Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines.](#)
- [Maintain ventilation improvements.](#)
- If you are at [high risk of getting very sick](#), talk with a healthcare provider about additional prevention measures.
- People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask when indoors in public.

With appreciation,

Your EKC Deacons: co-chairs Gail Johnson & Susan Whitman, Ralph Davies, Susan Ferris, Sharon Kirker, Dick Moseley, Ruth Smith, Wendy Van Damme

A Message from Pastor Joe

Dear Friends in Christ at the Elijah Kellogg Church,

Given I have said this a number of times I expect you know it. I had something of a career as a professional writer in theater before hearing “the call” and heading off to Bangor Seminary. In the course of that work I met many composers, lyricists and writers of librettos. But among them all, I deeply treasure the fact that I met the late Stephen Sondheim. I recently stumbled across this song from the Sondheim show *Follies* sung by the character Ben. The song is one of my favorites. This is a snippet of that lyric.

The road you didn't take / Hardly comes to mind / Does it? / The door you didn't try
Where could it have led? / The choice you didn't make / Never was defined / Was it?

Dreams you didn't dare / Are dead / Were they ever there? / Who said? / I don't remember / I don't remember / At all.

The roads you never take / Go through rocky ground / Don't they? / The choices that you make / Aren't all that grim / The worlds you never see / Still will be around / Won't they?

The Ben I'll never be / Who remembers him?

It is an existential question, is it not? How could our lives have turned out in a different way? Suppose I had not been on vacation in Maine, never met my wife, Bonnie, not moved to Maine, not gone to Seminary? Where would I be now?

While these are interesting questions, in a real sense they distract from reality. So it is with a congregation. A key question for any congregation is one which addresses this reality. "Who are we now, really?"

Only once that question is answered can the congregation move forward and become who that congregation wants to be. There is caveat which comes with the question. "Who are we now?" needs to be asked and answered every single day. These existential questions can be and are pivotal as we explore a five year plan.

And does all that sound like hard work? Yes. Is all that necessary work? Yes.

See you in church.

Joe Connolly

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OFFICE HOURS FOR THE WEEK OF 10/23 - 10/27 - Monday, 10/23 - 9:00 - 11:00.

The Bible Study passage for Monday 10/23 at 11:00 a.m. is Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18.

Memorial Service

Please join us to celebrate the life of Jane Pierce Collins this Saturday, October 21st at 11am at Elijah Kellogg Church.



The Holiday Fair online auction goes live!

The auction site will open for bidding at 5 pm on October 20 through 8 pm on November 1. Many of the auction items will be on display in the church vestibule beginning Sunday morning, including a Walker Bay dinghy!

Here is the link to the auction site: <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).

Please invite your friends and family members to join the excitement and bid on the items.

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

Council Update

The Congregational Council appreciates the interest exhibited in our request for input regarding how the Church should function over the next five years, our priorities and how we allocate our resources. Based on the input received, it's our intention to conduct small group discussions on Sunday, November 19, 2023 to add additional clarity and consensus to the development of our path forward. Additional information will be forthcoming as we get closer to November 19. We hope everyone will choose to participate.

Thank you

Women's Fellowship

The next meeting of the Women's Fellowship will be on Oct. 31st at 1:00pm. There is no need to bring your lunch but please bring your craft items and other donations for the fair. We will be pricing the items on that day followed by a short business meeting.

Thank you!

Fellowship Hour

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.

Moment for Missions

At the October 13th meeting, your Board of Missions made a total disbursement of \$1,000 to four of the organizations that EKC supports.

The Santa Fund	\$300
Seafarer's Mission	\$200
Warm thy Neighbor	\$300
Mid-Coast Hospital Chaplaincy	<u>\$200</u>
	\$1,000 Total

Notes:

Mission will support a Church World Service Blanket Sunday presentation at the Sunday service on November 12th. Donation envelopes will be in the pews.

We will again sponsor the Salvation Army Angel Tree. We will keep you up-dated as to when "the angels" arrive.

Food Bank Requests:

The MHPP (Food Bank Program) has requested the following items to restock their larder:

Canned Fruits
Types or any canned fish

tuna or any canned fish

Baked beans

Any type of dry Pasta

Toothpaste (Probably not the Large economy size)

All other donations are greatly accepted.

Toiletries & Personal Items

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

Shampoos

Body Washes and Soaps

Deodorants

Mouthwash

Toothbrushes

Kleenex and Toilet Tissue

(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

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

Holiday Fair

Christmas by the Sea
Holiday Fair
at Elijah Kellogg Church
Saturday, November 4
9 am - 2 pm



Handmade Crafts
Treasures
Country Store & Baked Goods

Luncheon 11am – 1pm
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

Luncheon

Pies Needed ~ Pies are 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!

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!

