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**** Important Notice **** The carpets at the church are being cleaned this Saturday, October 28th. To give the carpets time to dry, we ask that you not enter the carpeted area of the building until Sunday morning. You may come into the kitchen or Fellowship Hall, but please do not enter any carpeted area of the church. 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 Message from Pastor Joe

Dear Friends in Christ at the Elijah Kellogg Church,

For the last several years my wife, Bonnie, and I have had memberships at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay. Despite the fact that we are well known “brown thumbs” we love going there and seeing what people with real “green thumbs” can accomplish. If you have not yet signed up for “Gardens Aglow” later this year we can recommend you do so. It is a real treat to walk through 750,000 LED lights woven into and through 14 acres of paths (which is just a portion of the gardens).

Some of you may know (many of you may know?) Bonnie is a very good and an avid photographer. At the Holiday Fair last year she sold her photo note cards to raise funds for the church. She did not take a “cut.” All the money went to the church. She will do so again this year. **REMINDER: the Holiday Fair is Saturday, November 4.**

If you are Bonnie’s Facebook friend you may have seen some of the photos she took this year at the garden. She recently said to me, “What I love about the Botanical Gardens is every time I go, even if the trips are just a week apart, is everything is different, it changes.”

This Sunday (10/29) we will welcome a new member. And so too it is with church. Things change. And that is not just about new members who might join. Every week is different. Church has a reputation for being unchanging, static. That is simply not true. In fact, any week you miss you’ve missed out on something different, something new. But you also miss out in catching up with your friends and neighbors in this community of faith and what is new and different with them.

And so why is the Church Council looking at a five year plan? If the Coastal Maine

Botanical Gardens did not plan for changes in the growing seasons, everything would be a mess. If this church does not plan, things *will* tend to remain static, unchanged. That is not a recipe for a healthy garden. That is not a recipe for a healthy church.

One last item: as you will see below I will not have office hours or Bible Study this week. Next Monday I will, instead, be enduring a colonoscopy.

See you in church.

Joe Connolly

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OFFICE HOURS FOR THE WEEK OF 10/30 - 11/03 - **There will be no office hours for Pastor Joe or Bible Study.**

Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School October 29th or November 5th.

Chicken Pot Pie Supper

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Chicken Pot Pie Supper a great success!! Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, there was lots of laughter amongst the crowd and word on the street is the dinner was pretty good too! It's always fun to catch up with friends and neighbors over a good home cooked meal! (Photo credit: Rob Porter)





The Holiday Fair online auction is live!

The auction site is open for bidding! You have until 8pm on November 1st to place your bids. Many of the auction items are on display in the church vestibule, 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



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



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

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 fair is nearly here. Have you stocked your pantry with sugar, flour, butter and eggs? The Country Goods folks will be

accepting your preserves all next week. Baked goods can be brought to Fellowship Hall after noon on Friday, November 3 or early morning (before 9:00) on Nov 4. Our committee will be wrapping them for sale, so don't worry about dividing the cookies into small packages. We will do that for you.

Please label your donated items so we know what we are selling! Your cookies, pies, cakes, breads, muffins, fudge, toffee and jams all help fill the Country Goods tables for the fair. Call Becky at 833-6159 with any questions.

Thank you!
Becky

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
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

Mouthwash
Toothbrushes
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

*****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