

Elijah Kellogg Church

Newsletter



June, 2013
SOUNDINGS

How Sweet It Is...

Dear Friends,

One of my favorite entertainers growing up was Jackie Gleason. When I was little, we would watch his variety show at my grandparents' house. As I grew up, I learned to love "The Honeymooners" (not just Ralph, but Alice, Norton and Trixie too). Still do. And Gleason in "The Hustler" was superb.

One of my favorite Gleason phrases was "Mmmm... How sweet it is!" – in response to something particularly gratifying. Lately, our son, Joshua, says "sweet!" too – in response to things that delight him. We like to say it when we're together.

Life's been pretty sweet for me and my family of late. It was sweet to be installed as your new minister in April! It was sweet to find a house in Harpswell! It's been sweet to be here since July, and come around to my second summer! And it's been really sweet to be welcomed and become a part of our church and this community!

Life's not perfect, to be sure. With you, and with your families, we've had our share of twists and turns, bumps and hurts and challenges. But life is also – pretty sweet! And I give thanks to God that we are "doing" life – together.

So, here's to us, and to another year of living, loving, learning and growing – together. Mmmm... How sweet it is!

Grace and Peace,
John

ANNOUNCEMENT

News from chairpersons, Louise Huntington and Sam Wright is that the Barn Sale announcement has been put on the church website:

<http://www.kelloggchurch.org>

COOKIE SALE for the MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

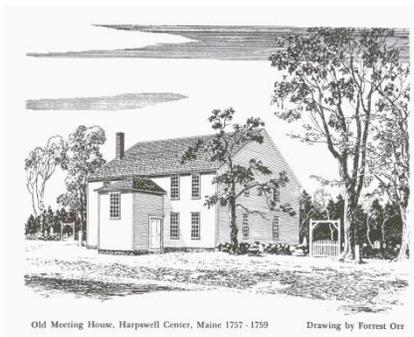
MONDAY, MAY 27

Women's Fellowship will again be selling cookies at the Memorial Day Parade. We are seeking donations of cookies, bagged in groups of 3 medium-sized cookies. The cookies should be brought to Church on Sunday, May 26th. Thank you all. Ruth Weeks and Sharon Kirker

Sunday, June 2 is Youth Sunday.

Celebrate Youth Sunday with us! With guidance and encouragement from Wendy and the Board of Education, and with support from Lynne Carter and Sue Luce, our youngsters and young adults will be leading us in worship with songs and readings and a short skit that are based on Psalm 23. Their thoughtful presentations will bring us to the sacrament of Communion where Pastor John and the Deacons will lead.

Immediately following worship all are invited to Fellowship Hall for refreshment.



Heritage Sunday, June 16, 2013

at

Elijah Kellogg Church, Congregational

Join us for Worship on Sunday, June 16 as we gather in the old Town Hall in Harpswell Center, across the road from the present Church building. The service is at 10:00 AM. A reception on the lawn of the Kellogg Church will follow the service.

The colonial New England Meeting House was the central focus of the community and an important point of contact for all. The old meeting house in Harpswell Center was the original gathering place of worship for what is now the Elijah Kellogg Church, Congregational previously known as the Center Congregational Parish of Harpswell. We return each year in June to the old meeting house in celebration of Heritage Sunday.

EKC Barn Sale / Flea Market

Luncheon and Bake Sale

Saturday, June 29, 2013 9:00am - 2:00pm

We are looking forward to receiving your donations to the Barn Sale starting in late May. If you have items that need to be brought to the Parsonage Barn earlier, please contact us to make those arrangements.

Please be sure to spread the word to your friends that tables may be rented for \$25 for people who'd like to sell their own items at the Flea Market. Call Blee Horton, 833-6809.

- Soon we will be asking for help with taking in donations and pricing at the Parsonage Barn.
- We will be selling household items, furniture, pictures, books, jewelry, kitchen equipment, dishes, and toys.
- We find we cannot sell electronics, heaters, metal beds, mattresses, bedding, or clothing. Please don't bring those.
- **May drop-off times at the Parsonage Barn:**

*Tue. May 28: 9:30-11:00 ----
*Wed. May 29: ---- 5:00 - 6:00
*Thu. May 30: 9:00-10:30; 5:00 - 6:00

Drop-off times at the Parsonage Barn in June:

Monday 3 rd	9:30-11:00	----
Tuesday 4 th	-----	5:00-6:30
Wednesday 5 th	9:00-10:30	---
Thursday 6 th	-----	5:00-6:30
Saturday 8 th	9:00-11:00	---
Monday 10 th	9:00-10:00	5:00-6:30
Wednesday 12 th	9:30-11:00	---
Thursday 13 th	-----	5:00-6:30
Saturday 15 th	9:00-11:00	---

Monday 17 th	9:00-11:00	5:00-6:30
Tuesday 18 th	9:00-10:30	5:00-6:30
Wednesday 19 th	---	5:00-6:30
Thursday 20 th	9:00-10:30	5:00-6:30
Saturday 22 nd	9:00-11:00	---
Monday 24 th	9:00-11:00	5:00-7:00
Wednesday 26 th	9:00-11:00	5:00-7:00

Barn Sale co-chairs,

Sam Wright gwright@gwi.net 729-5702
 Louise Huntington zephyr@gwi.net 725-5657

The DEACONS

Communion will be served on Sunday, June 2.



Trustee Trivia

When you are next in the vicinity of the memorial garden, be sure to think of the work that takes to maintain it. And thank Bill and Kay Greenwood for hours of weeding, arranging etc. Their efforts will become more apparent when summer finally gets here.

Christian Education

From Wendy McClenahan

After serving the congregation as CE Director this past school year, I have decided to step down from my position. While it has been fun and rewarding working with the youth at EKC, I am finding it difficult to manage a family and another career on top of my responsibilities the position requires. I want to thank everyone who helped with giving their time, money or words of encouragement during my time as director and I look forward to the future of the youth programs under the guidance of a new director.

Christian Education Director

The CE Board, along with the help of Pastor John and the personnel committee, will be looking to hire a new Christian Education Director. The position will be a 20 hour a week, year-round position, supervising and administrating Christian

education ministries for children, youth, and families. Sunday school, youth groups and junior choir will be of top priority, as well as missions and family fellowship. A bachelor's degree in a related field, along with teaching experience, will be expected, to carry out this very important job. Anyone interested in this position should contact the church, Pastor John, Kim Merriam, or the personnel committee, as soon as possible.

Next meeting: Christian Ed will meet at 4:00pm on Sunday, June 9.

BOARD OF MISSIONS REPORT

The Missions Board met on May 10 and funds disbursed were to:

American Red Cross (Local Disaster)	\$200.00
Salvation Army (Local)	<u>\$300.00</u>
	\$500.00*

*All funds were designated for the relief of Lewiston families made homeless due to the fires in that area.

The Food Bank continues to need your help and we have done well in our collections. In addition to the food and goods, last week we also collected \$27.00, which buys a great deal. Regarding that, a big "thank – you" to our **mystery donor**, who unfailingly gives a \$2.00 bill as his contribution – someday I will solve this mystery!

Do not forget about the **Coupons for Education**. Those elusive little ten cents add up quickly for our schools.

Everyone was impressed with Peggy Siegle's presentation on April 21st for Habitat for Humanity, and for our churches' representation in the walk and the increase in monies raised, \$1800 this year! Congratulations to all.

Kay Greenwood
Missions Board Chair

Remembrance Committee

The Remembrance Committee is responsible for developing a program to encourage gifts to the Remembrance Fund and is available to prospective donors for consultation on appropriate undesignated, designated or tangible gifts to the church.

A *Book of Remembrance* is maintained listing those memorialized.

The fund will be used to purchase or renew objects needed by the church which might be slightly beyond those things in an operating budget which could be recognized by a plaque, a label and noted in the Book of Remembrance, as appropriate.

Unlike the Endowment Fund, the funds cannot be used for repairs, paint, electricity, propane or general maintenance.

For more information please see any of the following members: Herb Ferris, Mac Henry, Louise Huntington, June Phinney, Ruth Allen, and Bill Greenwood, Chairperson.



Women's Fellowship Annual Picnic, Tuesday, June 4 at 11 o'clock

The Women's Fellowship annual picnic will be held on Tuesday, June 2nd at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Nancy Hurst. We will have our regular business meeting followed by lunch (please bring a salad or other luncheon dish to share -a very special dessert will be served). This is a grand time to gather for visiting and sharing before summer arrives as we don't gather again until the day after Labor Day. We warmly welcome ALL women of the church to join us in this time together. We will carpool from the church at 10:50am for anyone from the north or center part of town. And we do hope to see you there! Questions? Call Joan at 729-6110 or Nancy at 833-2343

Monday, June 17: July Newsletter deadline

The deadline for the June newsletter is the third Monday of the month. Please E-mail to

susan@elijahkellloggchurch.org

or leave hand-written items in the mailbox outside the entrance to the church office.

And if you should misplace your newsletter, please remember that you also can find it on our website:

<http://www.kellloggchurch.org>

The 'Casual' Book Club

The Casual Book Group meets in the parlor at 1:00pm. Please call Sam Wright to find out what book they're currently reading 729-5702.



Cribbage 7:00pm

Wednesdays in Fellowship Hall

The Tournament has finished, and Awards Night will be held on the evening of June 5 at 7pm. There will be a couple of weeks to recover and then this die-hard group will go back to its once-a-month schedule in Fellowship Hall. Meet them on Wednesday, June 26 at 7 o'clock.

Life at our Church

Thursdays 10am Bible Study

Sundays Food Bank Offering

9am Choir practice

Sunday, June 2 Communion / YOUTH SUNDAY

Monday, June 3 HCNS Cttee 6:30pm

Tuesday, June 4 Women's Fellowship picnic 11am

Carpool from the church 10:45am

Wednesday, June 5 Cribbage Awards Night 7pm

Sunday, June 9

Christian Ed 4pm

Sunday, June 16 Heritage Sunday

Worship at the old Meeting house 10am

Monday, June 17 Deadline July newsletter 9am;

Book club 1:00pm

Thursday, June 20 Fellowship Hall reserved 12:30pm

Wednesday, June 26 Cribbage 7pm

Saturday, June 29 Women's Fellowship Bake Sale 9-12;

Barn Sale/Flea Market 9am – 2pm

Susan returns to the office Monday, June 17 Meanwhile, bulletin announcements may be sent to Pastor John:

john@elijahkellloggchurch.org

Newsletter announcements for July are due on Monday, June 17.

Readers

02 Ashley Braley
09 Rachel Beane
16 Bill Hunter
23 Gail Johnson
30 Dave Luce

Ushers

02 Art & Elizabeth Dyer; Sunday schoolers
09 Ed and June Phinney
16 Allen and Meg Tucker
23 Ken and Carol Chutchian
30 Carrie Bubier, Win Gillis

Greeters

02 Sunday schoolers
09 Ed and June Phinney
16 George & Ellie Patterson
23 Herb and Susan Ferris
30 Joe and Anita Mattingly

Nursery

02 Linda Clement
09 Amy Morin
16 Ashley Braley
23 Lydia Mears
30 Susan Ferris



CHRISTMAS BY THE SEA FAIR THE DOLL HOUSE RAFFLE



It is that time again – time to be thinking of our Annual Christmas by the Sea Fair!

The Committee for the Doll House has met and publicity is underway to make this a huge success.

The doll house can be seen at the shop of Carole Quimby: C. Periwinkle, on Route 123 in Harpswell. Tickets for the raffle will be available for purchase there.

If you have yet to see this latest creation, you are in for a treat. Carole Quimby and Nancy Patterson have outdone themselves on the decorating and furnishings. And it is larger than the previous doll house.

The decorating and purchasing of these select items expensive. The Women's Fellowship has made a contribution to this, but if you would like to help defray some of these expenses, please see Linda Clement or Carole Quimby to help. Also, since the shop is not always open, you may call (207) 833-8040 or (207) 406-2275 for hours.

A newspaper article appeared in the Brunswick Times Record on 5/15/13 and there will be an article in the Harpswell Anchor June issue. Stay tuned for more information as it takes shape. We will need everyone's enthusiasm to make this a Grand Success!

Nancy Schlieper and Kay Greenwood
Co-Chairs for Publicity

Nursery School News

Over the winter and spring, we have had many adventures and made many discoveries. The advent of the "snow mountain" made by the plow is always a delight for the children, and we were fortunate to be able to see animal tracks on several occasions. This led to

one of our parents, Lauren Watkinson, leading the children in printmaking of various animal tracks, such as deer and bird. Perhaps you saw these hanging in the hallway.

As part of a focus on museums, the MWF children visited the Arctic Museum at Bowdoin in January, where they saw many arctic animals. As usual, many parents chaperoned, and the visit was a real treat. The children created their own museum in the Fellowship Hall out of their collections from home; we were happy to show it to some of the EKC members who were there for a meeting that day.

Other field trips have included a visit to Two Coves Farm on a cold April day, and trips by both classes to our nearby store, Ship to Shore, where the children participated in making pazzo bread. At the farm we not only saw the newborn lambs, grown ducks and Clementine the calf, but also got to witness sheep-herding training with a border collie and his owner.

Many parents came to share their occupations and skills, including: yoga, lobstering, emergency medicine, ICU nursing, veterinary medicine, math teaching, and selling antiques. One parent and grandparent shared their Thai heritage by teaching us about how Chinese New Year is celebrated in Thailand.

In May, the TTH class visited the Women's Fellowship briefly to sing a couple of songs and to present the women with cards made by the children. One little boy decided he wanted his card back after the performance! In May we also had a parent work day in the gardens, creating a "digging box" and a "bean tepee" among other tasks. We are busy planting our raised beds, and our peas are already up.

Looking ahead, we are full for the fall in the MWF class, but still have a few openings in the TTH (2-day) class. Please pass the word along to anyone you know who is looking for a preschool for their child.

I am grateful for the wonderful staff we have had this year: Denise Perry, Kate Miller and Debra Streadwick. Kate will be leaving at the end of this school year, to pursue other directions in her life. Denise and Debra will be back, and we have interviews underway for a fourth teacher to join our team.

Finally, I would like to once again thank everyone in the church for the many ways you have supported us, including giving to our annual fund, donating supplies and recyclables, answering questions, repairing items, and giving guidance on policy issues. Special thanks to Susan Whitman for great communication about church and nursery school intersections; to Pastor John and the Congregational Council for help in shaping emergency response procedures; to Dave Luce for help with insurance questions; and to George Patterson for making us several wooden hobbyhorses that the children are happily riding around the playground.

Wishing you many blessings this summer and beyond,

Myrna Koonce
Director, HCNS