

Elijah Kellogg Church *Newsletter*

October, 2013
SOUNDINGS



“Do this in remembrance of me...”

... are the words of Jesus to His disciples at the first Last Supper in Jerusalem nearly 2000 years ago. Scholars are agreed that Jesus transformed what was a traditional Jewish Seder into what has become a defining sacrament of the Church and Christian life. (A sacrament is a “mystery,” open to ever deepening experience, but beyond words to express.)

If “baptism” is the sacrament of entrance into the Church and Christian life, then “communion” is its sustaining counterpart – the means by which Christians all over the world stay connected to God and Jesus, and to each other, in what believers through the ages call the Church Universal.

In our time, the first Sunday of October has been designated “World Communion Sunday.” On this Sunday, Christians are particularly mindful of their brothers and sisters around the world who gather at Christ’s table to “remember” Him. In doing so, they, and we, re-member ourselves as branches of the vine, and members of the body, that all together and through the ages is the Church.

Here at Elijah Kellogg Church, we are trying to pay more attention to communion. As I write this, I am getting ready for a Sunday meeting with our church school children and their families to help them talk about communion – how they can begin to understand it, and come to their own decisions – about how they will celebrate the Supper of our Lord on the first Sunday of each month.

In this, I’m thankful to draw upon a pamphlet produced by the people of my home church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, North Shore Congregational Church, entitled “Celebrate Communion with Children.” I highly recommend it as good reading – for all of us.

One of the most precious traditions of our Congregational Way of being Church is that we extend “an open invitation to the Lord’s table.” I get to say, “You need not be a member of this Church to take part in our Lord’s Supper. It is enough that you love God and seek to serve Him in the Spirit of Christ.”

One of the most important things we do as a Church is celebrate communion. It sets us apart – from this world. It brings us together – in this world. And it blesses us – to be a blessing – to this world.

Grace and Peace,
John

Family & Faith

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6

Youth Programs

Christian Education is gearing up for an exciting year. Rally Day kicked off a great start to our season. Following the theme The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, 22 children and youth participated in the games and activities. Many thanks go out to Olivia Merryman and Maia Carlson for their wonderful performance in the puppet show rendition of The Lost Coin. Thank you also to Sharon Kirker for sharing her goats, Banana and Wonka. It was a fun way to conclude our festivities. Finally, great appreciation goes out to everyone that volunteered, participated, and helped clean-up afterwards! It couldn't have been successful without all of you! Check out the bulletin board in the hallway or better yet, our website for some highlights of our day!

Meet our new Sunday school teachers that are leading our children this fall. Heidi Sanford is teaching the preschool and Kindergarten class. Susan Carson is teaching Grades 1 and 2. Joe Mattingly is teaching Grades 3-6. We currently have 24 children enrolled in these classes, and more in the nursery. Are you wondering about our new curriculum? Why not volunteer one Sunday to help in one of the classrooms and see firsthand what the curriculum is like? We would love to share our excitement over this new curriculum with all of you!

Our Youth Choir and Youth Group (YAK) are being re-defined. As we prepare for these programs, we are establishing our hopes and dreams for the year ahead. While we have volunteers to help lead the Youth Choir, we are still looking for new leadership with the Middle School Youth Group. Whether you are willing to lead this group or just want to help supervise, please let us know of your interest. What are some of our new ideas? Ask us, we would be happy to share our thoughts with you.

We are pleased to announce that Jenny Merriam and Caroline Daniels (with Kim Merriam as the adult supervisor) are excited to lead the High School YAK program. They have been researching youth programs and have created a program with a balance between bible studies and current issues discussions. Their groups will meet on Wednesday evenings from 5-7pm.

Family Ministries & Missions Projects

We have a new Child Sponsorship this year from NACC Philippines. Her name is Beatriz Dimain. She is in the 8th grade. Beatriz is the youngest of three children. Her father left them for another woman. As a single parent, her mother works very hard as bookkeeper. They live in a resettlement village which was established by the local government for the families who had been displaced by the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo on June 15, 1991. She works in another town. Beatriz and her two sisters are left under the care of an aunt. They get together with their mother on week-ends. Beatriz looks after her blind-deaf-mute sister after school. She and her older sister are active in Caring Congregational Christian Church where Beatriz is part of the Music team. Beatriz plays the keyboard and her older sister Mitz (15 yrs. old) plays the guitar. The cost to sponsor a child from kindergarten through high school is \$300 per year (\$25 month). We are excited to make this commitment making a difference in the life of an impoverished child. The Sunday school will be raising funds for Beatriz through our weekly collections and other fundraising events.

As part of our Family Ministries we will be hosting a **Family Craft Night** and you ALL are invited. Together we will gather to share stories and laughter as we pull taffy and roll beeswax candles. Mark your calendars for **October 18th from 5-7pm**. The finished products will be packaged and sold at the Christmas by the Sea fair on November 2nd. All proceeds will benefit our fall mission – Church World Service Blanket Project.

As part of our Community Outreach we will be sponsoring our **1st Annual Elijah Kellogg Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 31st from 6-7pm**. Keep reading for more details.

Find it in your heart to join us as we lead our children in faith.

With Blessings,
Denise Perry

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1st Annual Elijah Kellogg Trunk or Treat

Join us on Halloween night for our from 6-7pm. We are looking to provide a safe, family friendly Halloween experience for our community by offering a Trunk or Treat! What is a trunk or treat, you might ask? Instead of going door-to-door trick or treating, we line up our cars and open up our theme decorated trunks for children to trick or treat at. There will be games, refreshments, and a camp fire, but we need YOUR help! We need about 20 trunks decorated with - lights, music, dry ice... It can be as simple or elaborate as you want, but we ask that you keep it positive and not too scary. We also need several volunteers to run the games, manage the parking, and to greet our guests. For those of you that won't be able to attend, we would appreciate a bag or two of donated candy to be used in the trunks. Donations can be left in the designated bin in Fellowship Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to open our "trunks" to the community and we hope you all can participate! For signup information please contact Denise Perry (207) 841-8629 denise@elijahkelloggchurch.org or Kristie Freeman (207) 406-4176.

Flower Committee

The Flowers, Etc. ladies are not only busy arranging festive and holiday pieces for the Fair on 11/2, but we are adding a new feature this year.

We will happily take custom orders to fulfill your special wishes: bring us a

special container or choose from the many of those we have so that we can create just the right arrangement for your home for the holidays or for a gift for someone special. Perhaps a swag for your door, a mantel arrangement, or some special idea you may have..... It would be a pleasure to create with you. (Approximate prices: small \$15, medium \$25, large \$35 and up.)

For more information, check out our slide show on the church website at elijahkelloggchurch.org or contact us at mtucker@bowdoin.edu, docjoanphillips@gmail.com, cmkbachman@aol.com or kayhunter6@aol.com (or any of us by just the plain old fashioned telephone! We'll be happy to answer any questions you may have!)

The Board of Missions

Your Missions Board is happy to report on our September 13th meeting disbursements. Through the generosity of this congregation, we were able to supply \$1400 in disbursements to our supported Missions projects. You may note that last month it was \$1200, but that covered the months of July and August collectively. Therefore, our following disbursements were:

Denneysville Church	\$500
Coastal Trans.	\$300
Maine Prison Ministries	\$100
Maine Seacoast Ministries	\$200
Respite Care	\$100
Church World Service (Global Hunger)	\$200
Total	\$1400

It was such a pleasure to be able to meet the needs of others and feel that we could do so abundantly.

Speaking of need, we are always indebted to Bill Corkhill for the work he does for the Food Bank and Soup Kitchen programs. He is a wonderful reminder to us all of the constant needs of others in this community and the area. His appeal was successful for monetary donations on Sept. 8th, however, let us keep those food baskets filled, primarily with healthy protein that matters so much, ie., tuna fish, peanut butter, cheese products, yes, even spam, any of the canned meats. We can do this and it doesn't hurt a bit.

Next meeting: Friday, October 11th, at 9 am.

Your Mission board: Kay Greenwood, Blee Horton, Jerry Maranda, Ellie Patterson, June Phinney and Rollie Weeman

Church Council

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 15th, at 7 pm

Board of Trustees

Next meeting: Monday, October 14th, at 7 pm

Board of Deacons

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 8th, at 7 pm

Board of Finance

Next meeting: Thursday, October 10th, at 7 pm

The Brown Bag Lunch

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 8th, at 12 pm

Bible Study

The bible study group meets every Thursday at 10:00am in the Parlor. The group will not meet on October 24th.

The Book Club

Next meeting: Monday, October 21st, at 1 pm

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship will present a fascinating program as part of its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 1st. Beginning at 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, Orr's Island resident, Holly Spicer, a local beekeeper and hobbyist, will join us and tell us about many aspects of caring for hives, extracting honey, and creating interesting bee by products. (Anyone interested in hearing her talk is cordially invited to join us.) Around noon, we gather for lunch (bring your own sandwich, dessert and drink provided) which will be followed by our monthly business meeting. All ladies: please consider yourselves specifically and warmly invited to join us! We'd so enjoy your company! On October 29, we will hold our November meeting so that we may gather to prepare for our Christmas by the sea Fair on November 2! We'll hope to see you all then as well!

A Note of Thanks

Please accept my sincere gratitude for the Honorarium I received as Choir Director this past

Sunday! I was so surprised and honored. I know you can trust that I will put it to good use!

It is such a joy to serve as your Choir Director. I have such fun! It is a privilege to work with such a dedicated and talented group of musicians each week. Being a part of such a group and serving our wonderful church family is something I look forward to with a glad heart!

There is no place like Elijah Kellogg!!

Many thanks again,
Sue Luce

Thanks from Susan Whitman

To John, the Members of the Personnel Committee and to my Congregation:

Thank you for a wholly surprising and most wonderful act of recognition on Sunday, August 11! It was astounding to hear Ned's *calling the Roll* of Ministers, Officers, Boards and Committees, church and community groups (*good heaven, has it been THAT many people?*). But the march of years became really apparent when he added in the numbers of annual reports, newsletters and bulletins produced over that time. And when Bill read the proclamation, every part of me was filled to overflowing. Standing there before you with that ringing applause made me appreciate how hard we have worked to build communication and to keep each other informed, and I am so grateful for the teamwork and all the fun that accomplished that! Standing there in the warmth of your regard also has made me aware of how deeply I appreciate the relationships that have developed over this period. Truly I have loved this time with you.

My resignation is the result of 2 hospitalizations almost exactly a year apart – nothing immediately life-threatening, but scary enough to make this decision. The Sunday I received the framed proclamation was the Sunday I had given John notice of resignation, and I am very happy to have it as a reminder of how well we have worked together.

Thank you so much, and I'll see you in church.

Love, Susan



Christmas by the Sea Fair

Tuesday, Oct 29 pricing bee, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, Oct 31 set up for Holiday Fair

+9:30 lobster picking

+Chowder prep in the afternoon

+Final day to drop off 'treasures'

Friday, Nov 01 set up for Holiday Fair

Saturday, Nov 2 Holiday Fair 9:00 - 2:00

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! WE HOPE YOU WILL WANT TO BE A PART OF THIS ALL-CHURCH FAIR. THINK ABOUT ITEMS YOU MAY WANT TO CONTRIBUTE THIS YEAR. YOUR HANDIWORK IS MOST WELCOME FOR THE CRAFTS, FLOWERS PLUS, OR MEN'S TABLES. JAMS, JELLIES, FUDGE, AND 'PUT UP GOODS' FROM YOUR GARDEN ARE GREAT FOR THE COUNTRY STORE. 'STUFF' THAT YOU NO LONGER WANT WILL BE HAPPILY DISPLAYED AT OUR TREASURES TABLES. IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP, PLEASE CALL LINDA CLEMENT, 729-8563, OR THE FOLLOWING:

ADVERTISING & PUBLICITY: ELLIE PATTERSON 725-1445

BAKED GOODS: JUNE PHINNEY 725-2438

COUNTRY STORE: LINDA GILLIS 833-6074 & NANCY HURST 833-2343

CRAFTS: CONNIE HENRY 833-5567 & BLEE HORTON 833-6809

DOLL HOUSE RAFFLE: KAY GREENWOOD 833-0907 & NANCY SCHLIEPER 725-0291

FLOWERS PLUS: ELLIE HUNTER 833-5049 & JOAN PHILLIPS 729-6110 & MEG TUCKER 729-8111

HOT DOGS: JIM CROFT 721-0528

LUNCHEON: PAT MOODY 833-5535 & VICKI STEVENS 729-8315

LUNCHEON MONEY: SUSAN FERRIS 666-3247 & BETTY MCCAUSLAND 729-8475

MEN'S TABLE: BILL GREENWOOD 833-0907, ED PHINNEY 725-2438 & GEORGE PATTERSON 725-1445

PARKING: HERB FERRIS 666-3247

SIGNAGE: CHRIS BRALEY 837-1330

SILENT AUCTION: BRUCE AND PAT MYER 725-5510

TABLE SET UP/TAKE DOWN: JIM SMITH 833-6246

TREASURES: NANCY BENNETT 833-7714 & EVANGELINE SPARKS 833-6295

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US ON NOV. 2 FOR A TASTY LOBSTER ROLL, A STEAMING BOWL OF FISH CHOWDER, OR MAYBE A HOTDOG OR SANDWICH. IN THE MEANTIME, WE STILL NEED SOME PRE-LUNCHEON VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PICK OUT LOBSTERS AND PEEL ONIONS AND POTATOES. SEE PAT MOODY (833-5535) OR VICKI STEVENS (729-8315) IF YOU CAN HELP WITH EITHER TASK. THANK YOU!

LUNCHEON: PIES NEEDED

PIES ARE NEEDED FOR THE HOLIDAY FAIR LUNCHEON ON NOVEMBER 2. SOON A SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE FOUND IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN PROVIDE A PIE. PIES CAN BE LEFT ON THE AFTERNOON OF FRIDAY, NOV. 1 OR BEFORE 10:00 A.M. ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP,
PAT MOODY AND VICKI STEVENS

FOR ALL THE MEN OF OUR CHURCH:

YOU WILL COMMENT THAT IT IS TOO SOON TO TALK ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR, BUT REALLY IT IS NOT. SPEAKING NOW PROVIDES TIME FOR IDEAS TO GEL, FOR PLANS OF TIMING, MOST OF ALL FOR DOING SOMETHING!

THE FAIR HAS BEEN SEEN AS A WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION EVENT; IT IS NOT. IT IS A CHURCH-WIDE EVENT AND EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO CONTRIBUTE IN SOME WAY; THAT INCLUDES THE MEN. PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING SOMETHING FOR THE MEN'S TABLE.

IT NEED NOT BE LARGE OR FANCY; IT ONLY NEEDS TO HAVE PURCHASE APPEAL. I KNOW THERE ARE MANY OF YOU THAT HAVE TALENTS THAT COULD MAKE A GOOD CONTRIBUTION TO THE FAIR'S RESULTS. PLEASE GIVE IT A GO. THANKS, GEORGE

CRAFT TABLE

OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR IN NOVEMBER HAD EARNED A REPUTATION FOR BEING ONE OF THE BEST IN THE AREA. SOME PEOPLE COME QUITE A DISTANCE TO SHOP AND EAT HERE. THIS IS AN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY, NOT JUST FOR THE SENIOR LADIES! THE CRAFT TABLE NEEDS DONATIONS FROM ALL KINDS OF HANDCRAFTERS, NOT JUST KNITTERS AND SEWERS. CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS OF ALL KINDS SELL WELL – DO YOU MAKE A CLEVER LITTLE TREE ORNAMENT? TABLE DECORATIONS? AN EYE-CATCHER FOR THE FRONT DOOR? GET YOUR PROJECTS STARTED NOW— NOVEMBER 2ND COMES BEFORE YOU KNOW IT! QUESTIONS? CALL CONNIE 833-5567 OR BLEE 833-6809

SILENT AUCTION

TIME TO MAKE SOME NOISE ABOUT THE SILENT AUCTION!

NOVEMBER WILL BE HERE BEFORE LONG, SO PLEASE START THINKING ABOUT SPECIAL ITEMS OR SERVICES YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO DONATE TO THE SILENT AUCTION (ITEMS THAT OFTEN INTEREST BUYERS INCLUDE VACATION HOMES RENTALS, SPECIAL CRAFTS [TALENTS OR ITEMS], SERVICES, SELECT TREASURES, ETC.) PICK UP AND STORAGE OF ITEMS IS AVAILABLE. EARLY VOLUNTEERS WOULD BE APPRECIATED AND REWARDED.

BRUCE & PAT MYER - 725-5510 MYERP@COMCAST.NET

THE COUNTRY STORE

ATTENTION, LADIES (GENTLEMEN, TOO!) WHO PLAN TO MAKE JAMS, JELLIES, PICKLES, DILLY BEANS AND OTHER EDIBLES FROM THE SUMMER'S BOUNTY. IT'S NOT TOO SOON TO BE THINKING AHEAD TO THE COUNTRY STORE "BOOTH" AT THE EKC FAIR AND PERHAPS TO MAKING SOME EXTRA TO DONATE. THESE HOMEMADE ITEMS ARE OFTEN THE MAJOR MONEY RAISER AT THE COUNTRY STORE. IN ADDITION TO THE STANDARD FARE WHICH IS ALWAYS POPULAR, THERE ARE OFTEN REQUESTS FOR SUGAR-FREE AND PEPPER JELLIES, MIXED FLAVORED JAMS AND OTHER UNUSUAL ITEMS. NANCY AND LINDA WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERINGS.

LINDA GILLIS 833-6074 & NANCY HURST 833-2343

TREASURES: THE FAIR IS FAST APPROACHING! PLEASE BRING IN YOUR "TREASURES" TO GIVE US TIME FOR PRICING, SORTING AND DISPLAY. YOU MAY BRING THEM IN ANYTIME AND LEAVE THEM IN THE DOWNSTAIRS HALLWAY NEXT TO "THE SAND PIT".

PLEASE NOTE WE CANNOT ACCEPT ELECTRONICS, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING, CAR SEATS AND, BY STATE REGULATION, USED STUFFED TOYS!

IF AN ITEM IS BROKEN (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOME WOODEN OBJECTS), WE CANNOT FIX THEM - THEY WILL NEED ANOTHER HOME

NANCY BENNETT BENNETTNA@COMCAST.NET
OR EVANGELINE SPARKS 833-6295.

BAKE SALE

BAKERS NEEDED (EVEN OCCASIONAL ONES) TO MAKE AN ITEM OR ITEMS FOR THE CHRISTMAS BY THE SEA HOLIDAY FAIR BAKE SALE TO BE HELD SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2013 FROM 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.

IT WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED IF YOU CAN HELP OUT IN THIS AREA. A LARGE AMOUNT AND VARIETY OF BAKED GOODS IS NEEDED. ALL ITEMS USUALLY SELL AND NEED TO BE DELIVERED BETWEEN 8-9 A.M. AT THE CHURCH IN ORDER TO BE PRICED. IF THIS TIME IS NOT CONVENIENT WE CAN MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS. PLEASE LABEL YOUR ITEMS AND PACKAGE THEM READY TO SELL. COOKIES, BARS, SQUARES, ETC. USUALLY SELL IN PACKAGES OF 6 IF MEDIUM SIZED - IF SMALLER, MAYBE 8 TO A PACKAGE.

HELP IS ALSO NEEDED TO PRICE, CASHIER AND ASSIST THE CUSTOMERS THE DAY OF THE FAIR. IF YOU CAN SPARE AN HOUR OR TWO BETWEEN 7:30 A.M.-2 P.M. PLEASE CONTACT JUNE PHINNEY BY EMAIL (HARPSWELL@NETSCAPE.COM) OR CALL 725-2438. MANY THANKS!!!