



Community Easter Egg Hunt & Basket Decoration Party

Preschool–5th grade

Join friends at the Merriconeag Grange on April 8th from 1–3pm where children may decorate a basket, make a card for someone special, and decorate a cookie!

Bring your special Easter basket on Saturday April 15th at 10am for the Elijah Kellogg Church's egg hunt! Children can listen to a story, create an Easter robin, find the hidden eggs and enjoy refreshments.

ELIJAH KELLOGG CHURCH
917 HARPSWELL NECK RD, RT 123

MERRICONEAG GRANGE HALL
529 HARPSWELL NECK RD, RT 123

The Harpswell Democratic Committee Is Sponsoring a Lasagna Dinner to Benefit Harpswell Aging at Home

Saturday, April 29th, 6:00pm,
Orr's Island Schoolhouse,
\$15 per person, cash bar
beer and wine. RSVP
HarpswellDems@gmail.com.

Pay at the door.
Speaker: Harpswell's own
world-renowned
photographer Robert Freson



**April Food Bank Donation:
Tuna & Canned Meats**

Church Calendar

Sunday, Apr. 2:	10 am - Service 11:15 am - Choir Practice Easter Flower Orders due today!
Monday, Apr. 3:	7 pm - Deacons; and HCNS Board
Tuesday, Apr. 4:	11 am - Women's Fellowship
Wednesday, Apr. 5:	7 pm - 8 Week Cribbage Tournament starts, Fellowship Hall
Thursday, Apr. 6:	11 am - Bible Study, parlor

Do you have a bulletin announcement? Please submit it by Wednesday, 9 am, the week before.
Email to: adminassist@elijahkelloggchurch.org. Thank you.



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**Communion Service
April 02, 2017**

Welcome to Elijah Kellogg Church! We are glad that you could be with us this morning!

Please let us know how we can be of service to you. Feel free to fill out an information card found in the pew, and place it in the offering plate.

Sunday School for young children is provided. Child care for small children is available.

Please join us for our Coffee Hour following the morning service.

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Introit and Quieting our Hearts for Worship

***Call to Worship** (Responsive) from Romans 8

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but
to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

**For this reason, the mind that is set
on the flesh is hostile to God.**

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit,
since the Spirit of God dwells in you.

**For if the Spirit who raised Jesus from death
dwells in you, He who raised Jesus will also
give life to your mortal bodies.**

Service

***Prayer of Invocation and Lord’s Prayer (in Unison)**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***Hymn 14 “The God of Abraham Praise”**

(The children are dismissed to Sunday School.
Child care for young children is available.)

First Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-14 Pew Bible, p. 704

Owning Our Church Covenant (in unison)

We covenant with one another to seek and respond to the Word and the Will of God. We purpose to walk together in the ways of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the Church to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all the world, while worshipping God and striving for truth, justice and peace. As did our forebears, we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God, and we look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life.

***Gloria Patri 513**

Anthem “Hope of the World with Wendy McClenahan, flute
 ‘Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley’”
 (arr. Lloyd Larson)

**HCNS Sponsors Run by the Bay
5K Race/Walk and Kids Fun Run**

The Harpswell Community Nursery School will hold its annual Run by the Bay 5K Race/Walk and Kids' Fun Run fundraiser on Saturday, May 6 at Mitchell Field on Route 123 in Harpswell. The race will take place at 10 am, followed by the children’s ½ mile Fun Run. There will be pizza from Portland Pie, Wicked Joe coffee, and bagels from Dunkin Donuts. Wild Oats will be providing cookie certificates to all Fun Runners! Crafts and activities will start at 8:30 and Matt Loosigian of Earthjams.com, will be providing the music. It is sure to be a morning that has a little something for everyone, so bring your folding chairs, family, and join us either by running or cheering in support of a great resource to the Harpswell community in a beautiful, and historic, location in Harpswell.

The fee to participate in the 5K is \$20 per person; if you register online at runbythebay.org and \$22 on race-day. The ½ mile children’s fun run is free. The first 25 on-line registrants will receive a free aluminum water bottle.

HCNS fosters early learning through compassion, creativity, and connections to community, nature, and each other. This event will benefit the school’s scholarship fund and provide resources for our natural play space and scientific investigations.

To register for the 5K, go to runbythebay.org. Race registration will also take place on Saturday, the day of the event, from 8:30-9:30 am. For more information, contact Tahnthawan Coffin at 607-0544.

HCNS Art Show

Harpswell Community Nursery School Art Show is happening on Monday, April 10th-Thursday, April 13th, in Fellowship Hall. Please come check out the projects that the children have been working on over the winter!

The Habitat Walk to Build Affordable Housing is Sunday, May 7!

Refreshments are needed to help sustain the wonderful walkers. Sign-up sheets for the requested snacks are posted on the bulletin board. No cooking needed--just an inexpensive store-bought, pre-packaged snack for grab and go, plus bottled water! Donations needed by April 30.

More walker info will be forthcoming. Walker packets are also available at www.habitat7rivers.org.

Thank you for whatever you can do to help. Alicia Sparks and Karin Soderberg, co-liaisons for EKC

Newsletter Survey April 2017

In an effort to update and invigorate our church's newsletter, please answer the following questions. You can email your responses to: adminassist@elijahkelloggchurch.org, place them in an offering plate or leave them in the church office.

You will have the opportunity to review and discuss the survey's findings, and to help shape the newsletter moving forward on April 30, after the morning service.

Many thanks, in advance, for your thoughtful responses!

Do you read the church's newsletter? If so, what do you like best about it?

What do you see as the central purpose of a church newsletter?

In upcoming newsletters, might you be interested in reading:

- Highlights from our church's history?
- Profiles of congregants and/or church administration members?
- Overviews of non-profits the church supports?
- Book reviews?
- Updates on the church's financial health?

What else would you like to see included?

Are you willing to help with the newsletter?

- Gathering information and/or photos?
- Writing a paragraph or two?
- Proofreading?

Would you prefer to receive your newsletter by mail or by e-mail?

Service

- Prayers of the People
 - Sharing Joys and Concerns
 - Silent Prayer
 - Pastoral Prayer
 - Choral Response

- Call to Giving
- Offertory
- *Doxology 515**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Second Lesson John 11:1-5, 17-26, 33-44 Pew Bible, p. 883

Meditation “Lazarus, come out!”

***Hymn 22 “We Praise Thee, O God”**

- Communion
 - Invitation
 - Prayer
 - The Giving of the Bread**
 - The Giving of the Cup
 - Thanksgiving

**Gluten-free bread is available for Communion and can be found in the center cups of each tray.

***Hymn 206 “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”**

***Benediction**

Choral Blessing

*All who are able, please stand.

Serving You this Morning

Minister	Rev. John Carson
Christian Education Director	Denise Perry
Pianist	Elizabeth Quimby
Choir Director	Sue Luce
Greeters	Joe & Anita Mattingly
Ushers	Amber & Ben Skinner
Reader	Rachel Beane
Nursery Attendants	Denise Perry
Trustee	Dave Fitzgerald, 324-1811
Hospitality	Hospitality

*The flowers on the piano are given by
Susan Anderson in loving memory of
Harold Roberts.*

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Notes & News

Women’s Fellowship meets Tues., Apr. 4, 2017, at 11am in Fellowship Hall. Postponed from February due to inclement weather, our scheduled speaker will be Dr. Phyllis Blackstone, an entertaining storyteller. Phyllis lived in Harpswell as a child and knows a number of our church members. She is retired from a 43 year career in education with an emphasis in literacy and language. From first graders to graduate students, storytelling has been her preferred teaching tool and she continues to enjoy sharing stories with a variety of audiences today. Phyllis plans to tell us the story of the Alaskan Cedar Tree across from the Kellogg Church. She will also add a folktale and personal story to her program. To be followed by lunch, (bring your own sandwich; dessert will be provided) and the business meeting. All church members and friends are invited to attend. Hope to see you there!

Craft Group meets Tuesdays, 10a-12p. Even if you don't craft we can assign you a job to make items for the Christmas Fair. The group meets in the basement of the church in the craft room. Hope to see you there. Elly and Susan

The meal list for the Sanford family will be starting up again as Heidi goes back to work. It would be nice to help the first two weeks she's back to work. 4/25-4/28, 5/1-5/5 are the dates. Please contact Ashley if you would like to sign up at: Ashley.braley@gmail.com or at 837-1334.

Bible Study meets here on Thursday mornings at 11 am. Please join us!

The Flower Committee has the following Sunday's open for having flowers in church: July 16, July 30, and December 31. If you would like to have flowers in church in memory or honor of someone on one of those dates, please contact a flower committee member: Linda Gillis, Kay Hunter, Joan Phillips, Patty O'Brien Carrier, and Mickey Maidl.

Save the Date - We will be holding the annual Barn Sale on Saturday, July 1, 9a-2p. Please remember us when you are doing your spring cleaning, and looking for new homes for your items in good quality condition. Please keep in mind that antiques are wanted as well as contemporary household items and furniture. **We will have two upcoming drop off dates at the barn for your goods on April 30th from 12-2p and May 5th from 3-6p.** We will also be renting tables for \$20 for folks who would like to sell their own goods. Please call Carrie at 729-6267 to reserve your table; contact Ashley for donation questions and volunteer opportunities at: Ashley.braley@gmail.com or at 837-1334.

Faith & Family

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

Our Chance Auction, happening April 2-16 is a combination of a raffle/silent auction. The difference is that each basket has its own ‘Hat’, allowing the ticket buyer to choose which prize to focus on. Purchase as many tickets as you want for \$1 each. Place tickets in the ‘Hat’ beside the basket you want to win (Man’s, Woman’s, Boy’s, or Girl’s). One winning ticket is drawn from each ‘Hat’ and the basket is given to the owner of that ticket. The winners will be drawn following worship on April 16. **All proceeds from the Arks** (due April 16th) & Chance Auction will benefit Heifer International!

Wish Beatriz a Happy Birthday! Our sponsorship child, Beatriz will be turning 17 years old this month and we want to send her loads of birthday wishes. Please write her a note on one of the birthday cards available and place it in the large yellow envelope.

Easter Egg Hunt: Join us on Saturday, April 15th at 10am for our annual Egg Hunt. Donations of candy are still needed. Please place your peanut-free, individually wrapped candy in the collection box located on the mission table. Thank you!

Parent Support Group: In partnership with HCNS, we will hold monthly support groups during the school year. The 1st is Tues., Apr. 25, 11a-12p; the 2nd is Wed., May 10, 1-2pm. All welcome!