

*Elijah Kellogg Church*  
*Newsletter*



**April, 2010**  
**The Minister's Mite**

### **A Happy Ending**

The crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of Christ are set right in the middle of history. This, I believe, has tremendous implication for us as Christians.

We live in a moral universe where right will ultimately be established. At first pass, the crucifixion of Jesus on a cross seems to signal the ultimate triumph of evil and hate. But in the resurrection God responds to the service and sacrifice of Christ. The cross proclaims Christ's death to sin, and the empty tomb proclaims the triumph of righteousness. It's a happy ending.

As we live and work in the hope of such a happy ending, we are able to experience a present inward transformation of the Living Christ, by whom we are indwelt and guided. This personal transformation is patterned after the experience of Christ as we "die" to ourselves, our sin and selfishness, and begin to live in newness of life. As we are inspired and empowered by the Living Christ, we are experiencing what the Apostle Paul meant when he said, "I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me." (Galatians 2:20) That's both realism and optimism on the way to a happy ending.

Grace and Peace,

*Jim Henry*

PS Experience the fullness of this holy season, by participating in the special Holy Week services listed on the church calendar.

## EASTER FLOWERS

Special flowers are being planned for Easter Sunday. As a convenience for those who wish to honor loved ones, an order form follows. Please give your order, along with your check to cover the cost, to any member of the Flower Committee, or place in the Flower Committee mailbox. ***This year, orders must be received on or before Monday, March 22nd.***

Nancy Hurst, Elizabeth Dyer, Jane Gott, Carole Quimby,  
Susan Luce and Pat Myer

The following plants are available at \$9.50

\_\_\_Easter Lilies      \_\_\_Daffodils  
                         \_\_\_Tulips

**In loving memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

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**In honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Given by** \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_I will arrange to pick up the plant myself.

\_\_\_I would like my plant to be shared with someone ill or shut in.

***We are happy to take requests for specific colors and hope that our supplier can accommodate us. Thank you.***

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### Ponderings from the Associate Pastor

#### Faith in Life

Stooped with eighty-one years of living  
an old man envisions a bountiful grove  
of pecan trees as tiny seedlings he plants  
not even a cup full of nuts will he see  
faith in life is enough\*

*\*Based on a reflection by Howard Thurman*

Every December my eighty-nine year old uncle Bob  
shells pecans with trembling hands  
from the small grove of trees in his backyard  
reaping the harvest of someone else's planting  
faith in life is enough

one man sows without reaping  
the other reaps without sowing  
and sows again by passing along the harvest  
and we enjoy the fruits of his labor  
faith in life is enough

as we journey these days of Lent  
anticipating spring and the risen Christ  
may we consider that we may not reap  
the harvest of seeds we plant  
and our faith is well placed  
in God who loves us.

*May the peace of Christ be with you always!*  
*Pastor Nancy*

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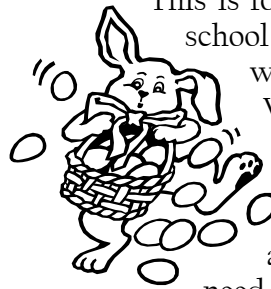
**Maundy Thursday**  
April 1, 2010  
7:00 PM

Our friends from the West Harpswell Baptist Church will join us as we meet in the Kellogg Church Fellowship Hall. The service is patterned after that last night before Jesus' crucifixion as he met with his disciples in the upper room. It was on that occasion that the Lord's Supper as we know it was instituted. Jesus washed the disciples' feet and gave them the new commandment of love. The

service will also include a service of Tenebrae ("shadows").

### The Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, April 3  
10:00 o'clock



This is for the whole community from pre-school through 5<sup>th</sup> grade (older kids are welcome to participate as helpers!) We will be in need of donations of wrapped candy that will fit inside plastic Easter eggs – last year we filled about 500 eggs[!] for about 40 children; AND/OR we also need volunteers to bring muffins and make coffee! This is a wonderful outreach ministry to the Harpswell community – last year parents stayed for coffee long after the eggs were all found.

#### Easter Sunrise Service

April 4, 2010

We will join with the West Harpswell Church at their location for an Easter Sunrise Service, and they will then host a hearty Easter Breakfast. Everyone is invited.

#### Easter Sunday Worship Celebration

April 4, 2010  
10:00 AM

Join us for the celebration of the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ. Communion will be served.

#### The Deacons

**Prayer Meeting**  
in the  
**Church Parlor 9:10 – 9:40 AM**  
**Second Sunday of each Month**

**Church Information Classes**  
May 2, 9, 16

Church Information Classes will be held three successive Sundays in May. We will meet in the church parlor at 9:00 AM on May 2, 9, and 16. The

coffee pot will be on. The nursery will be staffed to look after little ones.

These sessions led by Pastor Henry are intended to be an opportunity for anyone to learn more about the nature of the Church, about the Congregational Church, and more specifically about the Elijah Kellogg Church. For those who may desire, the classes will lead to membership in the Kellogg Church, but the class is open to anyone who may be interested in knowing more about our Church.

New members will be formally received into the Church in the Worship Service on Sunday, May 16.

May 02 topic - Nature and Function of the Church

May 09 topic - The Congregational Way

May 16 topic - The Elijah Kellogg Church

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board of Deacons will be on Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m.

## **Christian Education**

WOW - we have just sent off 28 hygiene kits and 14 baby kits to help those in need in Haiti and around the world - thanks to all who donated essential items needed desperately in times of disaster around the globe!

Truly, you are sharing the love of Christ in doing this!

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS FIGHT TERRORISM**

Beginning April 11th, the Sunday after Easter, the youth of EKC will join the Central Asia Institute in a campaign called Pennies for Peace. The CAI was co-founded by Greg Mortenson, a humanitarian and former mountaineer who believes that the best way to peace is through education. Mortenson and the CAI work in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

We will be learning about how to be peacemakers in our world. Our youth and teens will be studying the parable of the Good Samaritan, learning "who is my neighbor?" We will be asking each participant to

collect pennies which will be given to CAI at the end of the rotation. This would be in addition to their usual offering which supports Sreyvin in Cambodia.

K - 3rd G will learn through the mediums of DVD, story, interactive CD, and arts/crafts.

4th - Sr H. will learn through music. We plan to form a band and so we are asking all those who play a musical instrument to bring it on Sundays. Part of each lesson will include practice time.

I would encourage parents to read Mortenson's books, *Three Cups of Tea* and his latest, *Stones into Schools*. There also is a young reader's version of *Three Cups of Tea* and a child's book entitled *Listen to the Wind*. You and your children can change this world, one penny at a time.

### **From the Trustees: Church Parking Lot**

The Kellogg Church has a problem that would be the envy of many a church: our parking lot is getting too crowded! While size alone is a problem, the larger concern is that parking is haphazard. Short of a parking attendant, or lines in the dirt, the trustees suggest that everyone who comes to the church early park as close as possible to the northern edge of the road leading to the cemetery. When those spaces are exhausted, the next cars should be able to pull up directly behind the cars parked earlier, etc. This should help and we ask for your consideration and feedback. Thank you.

### **From the Board of Finance**

The Board of Finance is asking for volunteers to help Shirley Freeman count money each Sunday after church.

If you can help, please call Shirley.



### **Board of Missions**

**FOOD BANK OFFERING** Food offerings will be taken to Brunswick twice a month. Receptacles for your offering may be found in the vestibule and Fellowship Hall. If you forgot your food or would prefer to donate money, there are receptacles for cash at those locations, too.

**Sexual Assault Services of Maine** In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we will

be collecting new sweat suits to donate to Sexual Assault Services of Maine. Since 1983, the Sexual Assault Services has provided sweat suits to survivors who sought emergency medical care, thereby assuring them of having warm, comfortable clothing when they returned home.

Since the sweat suits will be utilized by both men and women, they should be gender neutral, come in a variety of sizes, and be plain and free of designs or embellishments (neutral colors, please, and no red or black).

*Sweat Suit Sunday* is April 18. Please look for a marked box in Fellowship Hall to receive your much-needed and appreciated gift. And thank you!

The Board of Missions' next meeting will be Friday, April 9 at 9:00 am.



**Music Committee** The Music Committee is in need of a lateral filing cabinet for the music room. In order to adequately catalog new and old music, we really need a 4 foot--4 drawer lateral filing cabinet (a 3 drawer one would certainly help). If anyone has an idea where we might find a new or used one for the right price (not a budget killer!), we would appreciate it immensely. Just contact Sue Luce or Gard Conley.

Many thanks!

#### **Music Sunday May 9, 2010**

The choir and other musical members of Kellogg Church will be presenting a total musical church service on May 9th. We are looking for interested people who would like to participate. This is especially true for the choir as we can use more singers for a number of the pieces planned. This will be a chance for people who can not commit for a long haul or those who would like to try it out. Rehearsals will start very soon. Please speak to Clarissa or any member of the choir. We will be delighted to have you join us for this service and will make you feel most welcome. Please consider joining for this special service. Thank you.



**Habitat for Humanity / 7 Rivers Maine** invites low-income residents to partner in building a simple, energy-efficient and affordable home! The cost of

owning your own home could be just \$550 per month (including utilities)

Mandatory orientation:

Sat, April 10th, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Second Congregational Church

51 Main Street, Newcastle

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: 386-5081

**Habitat's 17th Annual Spring Walk** The Annual Spring Walk will be held on Sunday, May 2, 2010 at the Habitat ReStore and Administrative Offices at 108 Centre Street in Bath.

Registration: 12:30-1:30pm

Opening Ceremony: 1:00pm

Put your feet on the pavement and  
your heart in the community

#### **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Women's Fellowship will meet on April 6 at 11am when our speaker will be Deane Lanphear who serves on the Board of Alzheimer's Association. He will share with us the work and challenges of the society as well as his first-hand experience as a spouse and caregiver of someone with the disease. Do join us to learn more, and bring a sandwich for lunch (dessert and drinks provided) which will be followed by our monthly business meeting. Hope to see you there!

#### **MEN'S BROWN BAG LUNCH**

The Men's Brown Bag Lunch will be held Tuesday, April 13 at noon. Our speaker will be Dr. Susan Chadima from the Androscoggin Veterinary Hospital in Topsham. Dr. Chadima will have just returned from three months in Afghanistan. This is her fourth consecutive year of working with the Afghanistan Veterinary Association (AVA) to improve animal health and, through animal disease prevention, ultimately human health. Dr. Chadima's work involves supporting Afghan veterinary professionals by providing both clinical and technical training.

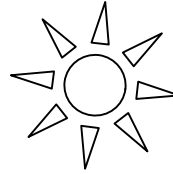
Fresh from her trip, Dr. Chadima will have some interesting observations to share with us from an entirely different perspective than we normally read or see in the media. Join us on Tuesday, April 13th at noon, bring a sandwich and a friend. The coffee and tea will be hot and ladies are welcome to join us!

We hope to see you there.

**Newsletter deadline: Third Monday of the month**

The deadline for the May newsletter is the third Monday of the month, April 19. Please E-mail to [susan@kelloggchurch.org](mailto:susan@kelloggchurch.org) or leave hand-written items in the mailbox outside the church office entrance.

Thank you, Susan



**Spring Supper**

**Fellowship Hall, Elijah Kellogg Church**

**Saturday, April 10 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM**

The first day of Spring is yet to come, but as far as we're concerned, it can't come soon enough. Dick's crew is celebrating its imminent arrival by cooking up a cozy dinner for us. Remember that green article of clothing you wore for St. Patrick's Day? Wear it again to celebrate Spring!

Adults \$8, Children \$4, Family \$20

**Reservations in April**

**Fellowship Hall**

Every Tuesday - yoga 4pm

Every Wednesday 12-2:00 HCNS

Every Wednesday Cribbage Tournament, 7pm

Every Thursday "Time for Twos" 9-11am HCNS

Every Friday YAK, 3pm

Thurs, Apr 1 - Maundy Thursday service, 7pm

Tues, Apr 6 - Women's Fellowship 11am

Tues, Apr 13 - Men's Brown Bag Lunch 12pm

Tues, Apr 13 - Deacons 7pm

Thurs, Apr 15 - Garden Club 12pm

Thurs, Apr 15 - HCNS Fundraiser 6pm

Sat, Apr 17 - Public Supper 5-7pm

Tues, Apr 20 - Congregational Council 7pm

**Parlor**

Thurs, Apr 1 - HCNS Committee 6:30pm

Fri, Apr 9 - Missions, 9am

Mon, Apr 12 - Trustees, 7pm

Tues, Apr 13 - Finance 7pm