

Elijah Kellogg Church

Newsletter



March, 2010
The Minister's Mite

I can't think of anything that better speaks the message of the Lenten season than the ancient Christ Hymn that the Apostle Paul cites in his letter to the Philippians. 2:6-11

*Jesus Christ...
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.*

*Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.*

Grace and Peace

Jim Henry

Ponderings from the Associate Pastor

*Change my heart, Oh God,
make it ever true.
Change my heart Oh God,
may I be like You.
You are the potter,
I am the clay.
Mold and make me -
this is what I pray.*

*1982, Mercy / Vineyard Publishing
Words and Music by Eddie Espinosa*

Traditionally, lent has been a time for repentances and focusing dedicated attention on God.

Repentance means to turn - to change. As Christians, we are called to repent of whatever sins manifest themselves in our lives. Sometimes it is easy to identify when we have sinned and we can make a clear decision to stop. This lent, let's look at our lives and consider if everything in our lives brings us closer to God - or are there things which tend to separate us from God? Or, are there things we could be doing in our lives (but aren't), which would bring us closer to God? Each of us needs to answer these questions for ourselves. And if we do recognize something that needs to change so that we might be drawn closer to Christ, then pray / sing this prayer asking for God's help. May God bless each of us richly in this self-examination and draw us ever closer to God's heart.

Peace, Pastor Nancy

Vacation date

Susan starts vacation on Thursday, March 18. She will be back in the office on Monday, April 5. Please hand in or email announcements for these bulletins: March 21, March 28 (Palm Sunday) and April 4 (Easter).

The deadline for the April newsletter is still Monday, March 15 – it would be helpful to have those early if possible. Thank you, Susan

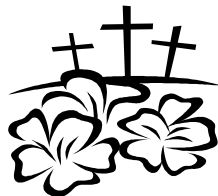
Christian Education

Bible Study

**Lenten Focus on the New Testament letter of
Philippians
Thursdays at 7:00 PM through March 25**

Pastor Henry continues with a series of bible discussions based on passages from Philippians that are read and preached on the previous Sunday. Topics in March are

- Philippians 2:1-11 A Christ Hymn: Humility and Exaltation
- " 2:12-30 Working Things Out
- " 3:1- 4:1 Park Your Self-righteousness at the Door
- " 4:2-23 In the Final Analysis



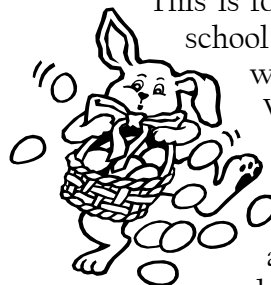
March 28 - Palm Sunday The Journey to Jerusalem

Led by Pastor Jim and Pastor Nancy, the choir and more than a dozen adults will present a reenactment of the events of Holy Week. Join us for worship at 10 am on Palm Sunday, March 28th as we experience the story through scripture, drama and music

Maundy Thursday, April 1st, will be hosted by the Elijah Kellogg Church.

The Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, April 3
10:00 o'clock



This is for the whole community from pre-school through 5th 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 and breakfast will be hosted by the West Harpswell Baptist Church.

EASTER FLOWERS

*This year, orders must be received on or before
Monday, March 22nd.*

Easter Lilies, Daffodils and Tulips are available for Easter Sunday at \$9.50 each. As a convenience for those who wish to honor loved ones, an order form is included in this newsletter. 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.

Thank you,

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

The Deacons

Prayer Meeting

in the

Church Parlor 9:10 – 9:40 AM

Second Sunday of each Month

Communion

Communion will be served on Sunday, March 7, 2010.

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, March 9 at 7:00 p.m.



Board of Missions

We have received \$200 from personal donations to be put towards Haitian relief funds. The Missions Board voted to add another \$300 to be able to send \$500 to the American Red Cross Global Disaster Fund. Thank you for your generous donations. We were also able to give \$500 to Midcoast Hunger Prevention, \$200 to Spectrum Generations, who sponsors Wheels on Wheels and \$1200 to NACCC to be distributed as needed.

The past several years we have supported the Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine with their April Sweat Suit Sunday campaign. They provide new sweat suits to area hospitals for individuals who seek emergency medical care as a result of a sexual assault. We will be collecting new sweat suits that can be utilized by men and woman. They should be gender neutral in style and color. Please no red or black. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, you may do so. Please watch for further details

FOOD BANK OFFERING With local need growing, the Board has agreed to place receptacles for collecting food at any time in both vestibule and Fellowship Hall. If you forgot your food or would prefer to donate money, there will also be receptacles for cash at those locations. Food will be taken to Brunswick twice a month.

The next meeting of the board will be Friday, March 12 at 9:00 am.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We will meet on Tuesday, March 2, at 11:00 AM. Come and bring a friend and a sandwich. Dessert and coffee will be provided.

MEN'S BROWN BAG LUNCH

On Tuesday March 9, at 12pm we will once again meet for our monthly gathering. Our guest speaker is Elisabeth Doucett, Director of Curtis Memorial Library. She will discuss recent technologies and how they may impact libraries in general and *our* library specifically. Are you fascinated by what you've read about Google's efforts to recreate every book and make them available electronically? What about Kindle (Amazon's wireless reading device)? Want to see one work? **Ladies are welcome!** Bring your sandwich, coffee and tea are

provided and meet the Director of one of the region's finest public libraries.

We hope you can join us!

Newsletter deadline: Monday, March 15

The deadline for the April newsletter is the third Monday of the month, March 15th. Please E-mail to susan@kelloggchurch.org or leave hand-written items in the mailbox outside the church office entrance.

Thank you, Susan

The Cribbage Tournament

The Tournament starts Wednesday, March 2nd at 7 o'clock in Fellowship Hall. They will play every Wednesday through March and April until they have a Lord- or Lady- High Cribbager. Cheering sections are allowed—Connie will let you know how to behave and will answer any other questions you have. Give her a call .

Reservations in March

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 Thursday Bible Study, 7pm

Every Friday YAK, 3pm

Tues, Mar 2 – Women’s Fellowship 11am

Tues, Mar 9 - Men’s Brown Bag Lunch 12pm

Tues, Mar 9 – Deacons 7pm

Sat, Mar 13 – Public Supper 5-7pm

Tues, Mar 16 - Congregational Council 7pm

Parlor

Thurs, Mar 4 – HCNS Committee 6:30pm

Tues, Mar 9 – Finance 7pm

Fri, Mar 12 - Missions, 9am

♣ St. Patrick’s Day Supper in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 13 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Dick’s crew is cooking up a boiled dinner for us – this means we’ll celebrate St. Patrick’s Day 4 days early! Wear something green and come join us.

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

Nursery School News

Even in the winter, we have a robust outdoor curriculum. We have made the most of the early snowstorms in January: the children have dug caves and tunnels in the “snow mountain” created by the plow, experimented with ice and snow inside, and generally learned much about the properties of water in all of its forms. We have been watching a pumpkin rot inside a sealed jar, which has itself produced a tremendous amount of water. We wonder if it will sprout under these conditions. There is nothing like direct, concrete experience!

Our December craft fundraiser, featuring felted creations and led by committee member Hannah Beattie, was successful; once again, we had a good mix of church, school and community members, and we made \$200 for the school. Our next craft night fundraiser is scheduled for April 15, and we invite Kellogg Church members to come and enjoy companionship while learning artistic techniques. More information will follow.

On Wednesday, March 17, from 10:00-11:30 a.m., the nursery school will be holding its annual Open House. Director Myrna Koonce will be available to talk with parents, and families will be able to visit the classroom during this time. This year, we are offering 2-day, 3-day and 5-day options. While the 3- and 5-day sessions are now full with continuing students and children from our Time for Twos program, we do have openings in the 2-day program. We rely heavily on word of mouth in recruiting children for the school. If you know of a family with a child between the ages of 3 and 5, please let them know about our school and this Open House date.

Thank you for your continued support!

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