

*Elijah Kellogg Church*

*Newsletter*

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**The Minister's Mite**

**Belonging**

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Covenant is the uniting principle of Congregationalism. We are a people gathered together and united to Christ and to each other by voluntary covenant. As a Congregational church, we are free from imposed doctrines and free from "higher" ecclesiastical authority.

But we must not think of ourselves as "*a gathered conglomeration of free-thinking individuals bound together only by our conviction that we should be free... The freedom of the Congregational Way is freedom from the rule of others only so that we can be more completely obedient to the rule of Christ.*" (A. Rouner, *The Congregational Way of Life*)

We are **free in Christ**. This is the freedom to follow Christ as we are led by the directive of the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit.

In this freedom we are **bound by love**. The covenant love of the Hebrew Scriptures and the *agape* love of the New Testament both convey the idea of binding ourselves to one another in the commitments of love. We become one in Christ as His covenant community.

Because we belong to one another, we are **caring for one another**. *Koinonia*, the New Testament word for "fellowship", is a partnership and a shared participation in the life of the fellowship.

The implications of this are great. One implication is that our freedom from any regional authority telling us what we should believe and do, places the responsibility of our mission and work directly upon all of us. The Congregational Church is indeed "The Church of the Laity". We are also challenges us in a very positive way to be involved in caring for each other – sisters and brothers in a covenant family. We bind ourselves to Christ and to one another. What a wonderful sense of belonging results from our mutual encouragement and support!

Grace and Peace,

*Jim Henry*

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### Ponderings from the Associate Pastor

Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved him, and when Peter responded, "Yes", Jesus told him to take care of his lambs. If Jesus asked you, 'Do you love me?' how would you respond?

- a) Yes - all the time
- b) Yes - most of the time
- c) Yes - some of the time
- d) Other

What would Jesus' response of "Take care of my sheep," mean for you right now?

- a) Get going
- b) I'm counting on you
- c) Get your eyes off yourself
- d) Other

Would you reply 'Yes, Lord' enthusiastically and go and do God's work? Or would you be like the son in one of Jesus' parables (Matthew 21:28-31a) who answered affirmatively that he would do his father's bidding but then failed to do it? Or would you be like the son who said no but then actually did go and do what the father had asked of him? Or are we like Peter in John 20 who wants to answer 'yes' with all his heart but then needs to be asked the same question repeatedly as if he just doesn't get it? Which will we be? If loving God is equated with taking care of those God loves, then how do we reply and what does that mean for each of us and for us as a church?

These questions are worth pondering, don't you think?  
Blessings, Pastor Nancy

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### 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

We will meet in the church parlor at 9:00 AM on May 2, 9, and 16. The coffee pot will be on and 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



### SEA DOGS GAME

**Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 o'clock**

**Leaving EKC at 4:00 pm sharp**

**\$18.00 per person**

#### Play Ball!

The Deacons are pleased to announce that Eric Wohltjen has purchased 50 Sea Dogs tickets for Saturday August 7th. Our bus will leave the EKC parking lot at 4 p.m. that day and return after the game. The cost for a ticket and round trip bus ride is \$18.00 per person.

This summer outing has become an annual tradition, and we are grateful to Dick Collins who has agreed to head up the project after Eric steps down.

It's always been a very enjoyable outing for church families and friends.

Please watch for the sign up sheet that will go on the bulletin board in the hall in a few weeks.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Deacons will be on Tuesday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m.

### Christian Education

#### 'Journey to Jerusalem'

A big thanks to all who helped to make our 'Journey to Jerusalem' a wonderful, God-filled experience! So many have responded that they were deeply moved

by the dramatic reenactment of the events of Holy Week during our Palm Sunday Worship Service. Other comments included that people appreciated seeing/hearing the whole story and that the drama, scripture reading and music all came together to make it a meaningful day. Thanks be to God that the Holy Spirit is moving among us at Kellogg Church!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS PROMOTE PEACE WITH PENNIES

Beginning April 11th, the Sunday after Easter, the youth of EKC have joined 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 are learning about how to be peacemakers in our world. Our youth and teens are studying the parable of the Good Samaritan, learning "who is my neighbor?" We are asking each participant to collect pennies which will be given to CAI at the end of the rotation. This is in addition to their usual offering which supports Sreyvin in Cambodia.

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

4th - Sr H. 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.

Parents are encouraged 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.

Any and all are welcome to join our children as they collect pennies (and whatever other denominations any wants to donate -)) to promote peace in our world. Please check out our bulletin boards for more detailed information.

### Confirmation Class 'Continuing the Journey'

Confirmation Sunday is May 23rd! Our confirmation class has just completed a family service project of building two picnic tables for Habitat for Humanity (Many thanks to Seth Hetherington and Frank Gatchell for helping us out with missing parts and lots of expertise). The tables turned out great and have already been sold out of the 'Restore' in Bath. Please be sure to join us on May 23rd for a special worship service culminating this year of faith exploration for five of our

young people - as their church family, we affirm and support them as they continue this lifelong journey of faith.



### 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.

The Board of Missions' next meeting will be Friday, May 14 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.



### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship will meet on Tuesday, May 4 at 11am. Come with your sandwich for lunch - dessert and beverages provided - and we'll have our monthly business meeting. All women of the church are welcome!

### **MEN'S BROWN BAG LUNCH Tuesday Noon, May 11**

The Men's Brown Bag Lunch will be held on Tuesday, May 11th at noon. The speaker will be our own Adrienne Shibles, head coach of Bowdoin's Women's Basketball program. Adrienne and her team have recently completed another extraordinary year that saw the Polar Bears appear in their 10th consecutive NCAA Tournament and ultimately reach the NCAA Division III "Sweet 16."

Adrienne is a native of Knox, Maine, a graduate of Bates College and coached at Babson and Colby Colleges before earning a master's degree from Smith College in Exercise and Sports Studies. Following her post-graduate studies, Adrienne became the head coach at Swarthmore (PA) where she built a winning program both on the court and in the classroom (Swarthmore was a perennial member of the WBCA's Top 25 Academic Honor Roll).

After ten years at Swarthmore, Adrienne and her husband Kirk Daulerio decided it was time to return to Maine and she became the Athletic Director and Dean of Athletics and Co-Curricular Programs at Gould Academy. Adrienne was named head coach of the Bowdoin's Women's Basketball program in June 2009, and fortunately for us, she and Kirk and their daughters Maddy and Elsa moved to Harpswell and are frequently among our congregation on Sunday mornings.

Adrienne will be speaking to us about the challenges and rewards of leading a successful Division III athletic program. Join us on May 11th at noon. Ladies are encouraged to join us. Bring a sandwich and a friend and we'll have the coffee ready!

We look forward to seeing you there!

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

The deadline for the June newsletter is the third Monday of the month, May 17. 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

**CPR/ AED Course:** Saturday, May 1st at 9am in Fellowship Hall. Participants will receive materials for study. Please note that you will need your workbook on Saturday, and be sure to wear loose, comfortable clothing. I look forward to seeing you on Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup> If you have any questions about

the course please don't hesitate to contact me at [Carmen@suscom-maine.net](mailto:Carmen@suscom-maine.net).

Thank you, Carmen Hetherington

### **Habitat's 17th Annual Spring Walk Sunday, May 2**

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

### **The Cribbage Tournament**

Our awards ceremony is the first Wednesday evening in May at 7pm. After that we'll be back to a "once-a-month" schedule. If you're in the mood for some good company, stop in to Fellowship Hall and play some hands with us! Please call Connie Henry if you have questions.

## **Roll Call Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 26**

**Potluck Supper at 6 PM**

**(M-Z casserole; A-L salad)**

**Meeting at 7 PM**

**Hospitality will provide beverages and dessert.**

To speed the cleanup process, please bring your own place settings in addition to your salad or casserole

Thank you – we'll see you there!

## **Reservations in May**

### **Parlor**

Sun May 2 – Church information class 9am  
"Nature and Function of the Church"

Sun May 2 – Confirmation Class 5pm

Thurs, May 6 – HCNS Committee 6:30pm

Sun May 9 – Church information class 9am  
"The Congregational Way"

Mon, May 10 – Trustees, 7pm

Thurs, May 13 – Finance 7pm

Fri, May 14 - Missions, 9am

Sun May 16 – Church information class 9am  
“The Elijah Kellogg Church”

### Fellowship Hall

Every Tuesday – yoga 4pm

Every Wednesday 12-2:00 HCNS

Every Thursday “Time for Twos” 9-11am HCNS

Every Friday YAK, 3pm

Sat May 1 – CPR / AED Course 9am

Tues, May 4 – Women’s Fellowship 11am

Tues, May 11 - Men’s Brown Bag Lunch 12pm

Tues, May 11- Deacons 7pm

Sun, May 16 – Confirmation Retreat

Tues, May 20 - Congregational Council 7pm

Wed May 26 – Roll Call Supper 6:00 pm  
Meeting 7:00 pm

as cribs and walkers), old skis or golf clubs. Also, we request that you do not drop off items at the Church. We will be happy to set up a time to meet you at the Barn or arrange for pick up of heavy items.

We will be placing a volunteer sign-up sheet soon. We welcome first-time helpers – come support the Church and meet new people!

### **The Gatchells The Daniels**

So start cleaning out those barns, garages, closets and basements!

### **Youth Fund Raiser Lunch at June Yard sale**

Once again we need all parents to donate wrapped, labeled sandwiches to our lunch fundraiser that we offer each year during the church yard sale. This has been hugely successful in the past so please mark it on your calendar - we need everyone's help! It is June 19th this year

# Youth Sunday June 6

The children will be our worship leaders that Sunday as they share their faith in story, drama and song!

### **BARN SALE Saturday, June 19**

Spring is here and it’s time to inspect your house for treasures you no longer need, because the 13<sup>th</sup> annual barn and craft sale at the Elijah Kellogg Church is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for June 19<sup>th</sup> rain or shine.

Rick and Signe Daniel and Frank and Colette Gatchell are looking for gently used items. Remember, please, **no** electronics, kitchen appliances, clothing, worn linens, metal bed frames, Tupperware, pans that need cleaning, containers with flammable liquids, suitcases, baby items (such

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[summerdays@kellogg](mailto:summerdays@kellogg) will be mornings the week of August 2nd. This year we will be exploring the Amazon as we learn about God's love for all children. This is a wonderful outreach ministry to our community and beyond (we've already had signups from a couple of our summer vacationers!) This week takes some considerable effort to pull together and we need all the help we can get so if you are able to help that week in some capacity, please let either Sandra Golonka or Pastor Nancy know - we especially need help from all of our youth and teens who will be going into 6th grade and older! Keep us on your prayer list and please be on the lookout for supplies/snack donation signup sheets! And of course any monetary donations are gladly accepted: D.