

*Elijah Kellogg Church*  
*Newsletter, September 2010*



**The Minister's Mite**

October 3 is World Communion Sunday. It will also be my last Sunday with you as pastor. It will be a privilege for me to gather with you once again around the Lord's Table and serve you the bread and wine of our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope you can be with us.

I am so grateful to God and to all of you for the opportunity to have served with you these nearly 13 years. God has proven faithful to me countless times and has indeed blessed us in ministry together. Under the headship of Jesus Christ, I believe the Kellogg Church has grown significantly in our role and ministry in the community of Harpswell, and I am sure that by the continued vitality and guidance of the Holy Spirit, the church will only deepen and expand its reach of love and service.

My deepest personal thanks for your care of Marge and me during our time with you. Your interest in our general and family welfare has been unsurpassed. We have never before experienced such close fellowship and deep friendships as we have in the Kellogg Church and the Harpswell Community. Thank you, too, for the interest you have shown in our children and grandchildren as well. It indicates a bond of love beyond mere professional arrangement.

*I am confident of this, that he who began a good work in us  
will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

*(Philippians 1:6)*

With you forever in Christ,

*Jim Henry*

**Coming Sooner than you think!**

**Please save the date of October 2, 2010.**

You are cordially invited to attend a retirement party for Jim and Marge Henry on October 2, 2010 in Fellowship Hall.

The evening will start at 5:00 pm with a sit down dinner. This will be followed by reminisces of the past twelve years and many thanks for all Jim's hard work and dedication to our church and community.

Seating will be limited, so please respond by September 15 at the latest. We will do our best to fit everyone in. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall if you are planning to attend, or RSVP to

Jane Collins by phone or  
[jpcollins66@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jpcollins66@myfairpoint.net)

*The Deacons will be accepting donations for a farewell gift. Please see on of them on a Sunday morning or mail to:*

*Suzanne Gagnon  
12 Pierce Point Road  
Harpswell ME 04079*

We hope you can join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

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### **Ponderings from the Associate Pastor**

Sometimes, I lament that we don't always see the fruit of our labors and then I am reminded of great Biblical heroes such as Moses who led the Israelites through the wilderness for 40 years in the hope of seeing the Promised Land and then we learn of Moses' death as he saw the valley of Jericho from afar but never actually entered it.

In faith, we do God's work – sometimes we plant the seeds, sometimes we water seeds that another has planted, sometimes we see the plentiful harvest of seeds planted and nurtured elsewhere.

At [summerdays@kellogg](mailto:summerdays@kellogg) this year, among 30 children (it was a great week!), we once again had visitors from the Washington DC area. They brought along friends because their 4 year old

daughter had gone home last summer and regaled them with how wonderful her experience had been. We planted seeds in her heart and she spread them to others – wow!

I constantly hear from parents how the children are singing the songs at home that tell of God's love for all! Children are sowing seeds all over the place and we may or may not see the harvest but to God be the praise and the glory!

Peace, Pastor Nancy

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## **The Deacons**

### **Interim Search update**

As we go to press, the Deacons are interviewing candidates for the Interim position. Look for an announcement in early September.

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

The next meeting of the Board of Deacons will be on Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m.

## **Christian Education**

### **Look at what's coming this fall!**

**Rally Day - Homecoming Sunday**  
aka

**"The Sunday School  
Kick-off"**

**September 12, 2010**



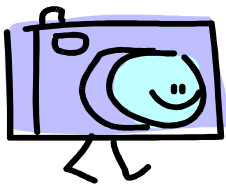
On September 12th, the Christian Education Committee and the Deacons will combine to welcome everyone in our church family to stay for lunch after church to mark the beginning of the new season.

We will start together with our families in worship at 10 am and then after about 10 minutes,

we will leave for Sunday school. All children and youth are welcome – preschool and up! We will sing songs, play some games and do a craft, and then after church stay for lunch with our whole church family. This will be a time for young and old to enjoy visiting together and making new friends.

Please see Pastor Nancy to register so we can be sure to plan accordingly!

On August 29th and September 5th there will be a sandwich sign-up list on a table in Fellowship Hall. If you can, please help by bringing sandwiches on September 12th. Drinks and desserts will be provided.



### We're going *DIGITAL!*

The CE Board is sponsoring a new picture directory of all members of our church family. This

directory will be something we can update and print ourselves as changes need to be made. You can help us either by sending a current picture via email to Pastor Nancy or by being ready to have your picture taken – our roving photographer(s) will be taking pictures on Sundays starting

*Homecoming/Rally Day, September 12<sup>th</sup>.*

### YAK PAK ([youth@kellogg](mailto:youth@kellogg)) Fall Kick-off!



**Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup>  
from 1-7pm  
4 MS & HS Uth!**

Come with us to monkeycmonkeydo (check out their website) in Wiscasset (ropes course) for a great fun outing followed by pizza back at church.

Weekly YAK PAK meetings will be on Sunday evenings from 6-8pm.

Welcome Chris and Ashley Braley who join Pastor Nancy and Sandra Golonka as co-youth group leaders! We have lots of fun outings planned for the year: midnight scavenger hunt at LL Bean,

Corn Maze, Sno-tubing, 30 Hour Famine among others – join us!



### **Fridays until 5:00 pm Music after school for pre-K through 3rd grade (ASK)**

Join us starting *Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>* for singing, bells, dance, rhythm, boomwhackers and more on Fridays after school until 5 pm. Kids may get off the school bus - a snack will be provided, and we will have a fun time with music and games. Our hope is that every couple of months this group will share what they've learned during Sunday worship. Please contact Pastor Nancy to sign up!

### **Ladies, an invitation...**

This is an invitation for every woman who's ever felt that she isn't godly enough, isn't loving enough, isn't doing enough. Join Pastor Nancy and Sandra Golonka for a 6 week study on how to find intimacy with God in the busyness of life. The study will be held at their home, starting Wednesday September 22nd at 10am.

### **Kith-2-Kin**

The Christian Education Board is initiating a new program designed to build connections and support within our church family. Our children, youth and young families are dealing with many diverse and challenging issues. Our young people are not often on our official 'prayer list' but always in need of our prayers and support. To help with all that they are experiencing, each younger family who wants to participate will be paired with an older member of the church as a partner in prayer and support. There are no set 'rules' for this relationship - just care, prayer and support when desired. We hope this will not only support our young families but also build relationships within the church family.



### **Board of Missions**

You may have noticed some changes on the Missions Bulletin Board. Please stay tuned for even more! Our goal is to let everyone know that we support organizations that are providing for needs

in Harpswell, the Midcoast area, Maine, New England, National and Worldwide. We also hope to spark interest in those that are looking to become involved on a more personal level. A heartfelt "thank you" to all who have given so generously over the years.

Containers for both food stuffs and dollars are always available by the doors in the vestry and in Fellowship Hall. Your donations go a long way toward relieving hunger in Maine.

Thank you, Board of Missions

Missions' next meeting: Friday, Sept 10 at 9 o'clock.

### **MUSIC HEATS UP THE SUMMER DAYS**

It has been quite a summer for the Music Committee and the EKC Choir. Because of extensive wrist surgery, organist and director Clarissa Brown has not been able to be with us. Clarissa continues to recuperate from what the doctor said was successful surgery, but she is still in a cast and then must undergo rehab. We have, instead, been enjoying the amazing talents of many guest artists throughout July and August. We have had pianists, organists, and instrumentalists, including flutist Sandy Kaufman and our own Barry Hilbert on cello. Each of the different styles and talents has been an extraordinary addition to the worship services.

Our EKC Choir has risen to the challenge, working hard to perfect selections every Sunday, working with new accompanists. We have performed some old "chestnuts" and some new pieces to keep everyone on his/her toes. Attendance every Sunday has been exemplary as well. August 1st had to be a record as the choir totaled **19 singers** that day, thanks to some visitors who joined us. Congratulations to summer regulars Mac Henry, Dave Luce, Hub Goodrich, Don Van Dongen, Susan Whitman, Gail Johnson, Carole Quimby, Sarah Brendler, Elizabeth Childs, Hati Modr, Lynne Julku, Louise Huntington, Kathy Goodrich, and Sue Luce for their hard work and sweat (literally!).

As we await the return of Clarissa this fall, we welcome Jan Davis for the first three Sundays in September. We have been working on plans for special music each week along with our regular anthems. On September 12th, for example, we will welcome soloist Karen Pierce.

Please give thanks for all our music people who are so willing to share their talents.

### **Women's Fellowship Tuesday, September 7th**

This will be our first Fall meeting, and it's a grand time for all the women of the church to gather again for fellowship and the sharing of all our summer stories! We meet at 11am for an interesting program,

(speaker to be announced) followed by lunch and a business meeting (please bring a sandwich, drinks and dessert are provided). For sure, we'll be thinking about our fall fair among other things. Do join us for fun and fellowship; see you there!

### **Men's Brown Bag Lunch Tuesday, Sept 14 at noon**

Our first speaker of the season will be Wayne Davis, Chairman and a founding member of *TrainRiders/Northeast*. TrainRiders/Northeast is a non-profit educational corporation formed in 1989 to explore the possibility of bringing AMTRAK passenger rail service to Maine and ultimately expanding Amtrak service in Northern New England.

After years of work with local, state and federal transportation officials in addition to members of the New England Congressional Delegation and Amtrak officials, construction work began with a ceremony on August 2nd to celebrate extending Amtrak services to Brunswick. For the next two years, 28 miles of track will be upgraded and rehabilitated, 36 railroad crossings will be improved, new signal systems will be installed and passenger platforms in Freeport and Brunswick will be constructed.

The Amtrak Downeaster currently runs five daily round trips to from Boston to Portland and expects to extend two of those to Brunswick when the construction is completed. Join us on Tuesday, September 14th at noon to hear Wayne Davis tell his story of a vision turned into reality. Bring a sandwich and a friend! We look forward to seeing you!

### **Help, Help - Hospitality Seeking Hosts**

We have a lot of weeks from now through January where no one has signed up to host coffee hour! As you settle back into your Fall schedules, please look at your calendar to see if you have a weekend where you could host, or, perhaps you could host a coffee hour before you head south for the winter. It's a lovely time for fellowship - the signup notebook is on counter. Thank you.

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

### **October Newsletter deadline: Monday, September 20**

We're back to our busy times and the Fair is in sight! Please E-mail announcements, happenings, meetings - your "Group Thing" to [susan@kellloggchurch.org](mailto:susan@kellloggchurch.org) or leave written notes in the mailbox outside the church office entrance. Thank you, Susan

**To Cribbage players** - on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 o'clock in Fellowship Hall you'll find people playing Cribbage. For more information, call Connie. The next gathering is Wednesday, September 29th.

## Reservations in September

### Parlor

Thurs, Sept 2 - HCNS Advisory Committee 6:30pm

### Sanctuary

Fri, Sept 17 - wedding rehearsal 5-7pm

Sat, Sept 18 - Moore/Bouchard wedding 10am-4pm

Sat, Sept 25 - M Carlson/B Hilbert wedding 1pm

### Fellowship Hall

Every Monday, *after 9/6* HCNS extended day 9:00-2:00

Tues, Sept 7- Women's Fellowship 11am

Thu, Sept 9 - Finance 7pm

Fri, Sept 10 - Missions 9am

Mon, Sept 13 - Trustees 7pm

Tues, Sept 14 - Men's Bag lunch 12pm

Tues, Sept 14- yoga 4pm

Tues, Sept 14- Deacons 7pm

Thu, Sept 16 - Harpswell Garden Club 12-3pm

Fri, Sept 17 - Wedding rehearsal 5-7pm

Sat, Sept 18 - Moore/Bouchard wedding 10am-4pm

Sun, Sept 19 - YAK PAK 1:00-7:00pm

Tues, Sept 21- yoga 4pm

Tues, Sept 21- Church council 7pm

Fri, Sept 24 - ASK for Music, after school to 5pm

Sun, Sept 26 - YAK PAK 6-8pm

Tues, Sept 28- yoga 4pm

Wed, Sept 29 - Cribbage 7pm



## Christmas by the Sea Fair

It's that time of the year again. While many of us are still enjoying the beautiful summer we have had, others are thinking about "What do I get for Christmas gifts?" Well, we have just the answer...

### \* The Holiday Fair \*

Mark your Calendars for November 6<sup>th</sup> for fun, great gift ideas (for yourself or others) and outstanding food items. Many of our volunteers are returning this year to lend a hand but we welcome any and all who want to help. We are in need of someone to head-up the Treasures Table. If yard sale type selling is your passion, please let us know.

George Patterson is also looking for items to fill the Men's Table. If you have an item or need some suggestions, please call George.

If you want to volunteer, donate something to the Fair or just get more information, please call either: Gladys (Sam) Wright or Carrie Bubier.

## Holiday Fair Craft Workshop resumes!

Craft workshops for the Holiday Fair will start again after Labor Day. Because of the extensive water damage to Women's Fellowship Room downstairs we will be meeting at 9 o'clock at Blee Horton's house at 21 Green Meadows Road on September 8 and September 22. For more information and directions, call Blee.

Our crafters need small woodland findings: tiny cones, acorns and acorn caps, seed pods and other interestingly-shaped natural things you'd find on your walks. Hemlock cones are a good size for our project.

This year we also need buttons for trimming hand made mittens - do delve into your old button box and see if there are any you could spare - all colors acceptable!

## Nursery School News

As we begin the school year, the nursery school committee has been hard at work planning our first ever Silent Auction, which will be held on Friday, September 17, from 6-9 p.m. at the High Head Yacht Club, 323 High Head Road. Hosted by parents and High Head residents Kelly FitzPatrick and Cate Wnek, the auction will feature items such as a dinner for 6 prepared aboard a yacht, a Thomas Moser occasional end table, a weekend get-away courtesy of Hurley Travel, and much more! Tickets are \$10, and advance purchase is recommended, as space at the Yacht Club is limited. The ticket price includes appetizers and drinks, coffee and dessert. Please e-mail Kelly at [kfitz@maine.rr.com](mailto:kfitz@maine.rr.com) or Myrna at [hcnsdirector@gmail.com](mailto:hcnsdirector@gmail.com) or call Myrna at for more information or to purchase tickets.

We plan to begin our volunteer reader program in October, once the children have had time to settle in. We have already had a response from some of the Kellogg Church members, which is wonderful! Once I know how many readers we have, I will set up a rotating schedule. If you are interested in being part of this program, or wish to know more, please feel free to call me.

Again, thank you for all your support. We really appreciate it!  
Myrna Koonce