

Camp Week Is Almost Here

We hope to send several campers to our Christian Camp at Washington, Maine in August.

As you may remember the camp suffered a devastating fire last August after the camp had closed for the season. Most of the rebuilding has taken place but now the camp must be inspected by the State of Maine officials. This may delay camp opening but other camps may be available such as Mechanic Falls, Maine.

Kent Davis will keep us informed on the situation. Stay tuned.

Garden Days at the Church

A Gardening Team led by Joyce Doran has spent three recent Saturdays weeding, planting and mulching the gardens on the four sides of our church. They worked on some of the hottest days of summer and the results of their labor is simply beautiful. Many thanks to Joyce and everyone else who volunteered their time and effort for the Lord's House.

Thanks to Bob Emery

Bob recently spent a considerable amount of time applying stain to the church handicap ramp. Frank Jewett built the ramp several years ago and it was in need of a fresh coat of stain.

Bob saw the need and took it upon himself to volunteer his time, expertise and stain to get the job done.

Thanks, Bob for accomplishing that task.

Anybody for a Pun?

While walking through the jungle with a black marker, I spotted a leopard.

He labored so hard that he worked his fingers to the bone.

I think Santa has riverfront property in Brazil. All of our gifts

came from Amazon this year..

Church Newsletter

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Pastor Charlie's Page

Loss of Dennis Phillips

We were all saddened to hear the news of Dennis Phillips falling asleep in Jesus on the morning of July 17. Dennis had health issues with breathing and his heart. He was on oxygen twenty four hours a day.

Dennis has attended our church for most of the past twenty years after moving from Portsmouth where he attended the Salvation Army Church with his mother, the late Jeanette (Tapley) Phillips. Dennis shared a home with his sister and brother-in-law, Cheryl and Steve Bowden.

He served as our Head Usher and he took that position very seriously. Each Sunday, he made it a point to shake hands with everyone in the church and share a kind word with them. He surely loved people.

Dennis was usually the first to get downstairs after the worship service as he looked forward to the desserts on the refreshment table!

Everyone who knew Dennis agreed that he was one of "God's Special People who brought joy to all folks he came in contact with.

You are encouraged to send thinking of you cards or sympathy cards to:

Steve & Cheryl Bowden

427 Main St

Eliot, ME 03903

A Celebration of Life service was held at the J. S. Pelkey Funeral Home in Kittery on Saturday, July 22nd. There were nearly one hundred people from all walks of life in attendance.

A Burial Service followed at the Brooks Cemetery in Eliot. That was followed by a reception at the home of Dennis' cousin, Steve and

Debbie Tapley in Kittery

Our Loyal Prayer Warriors

Every Wednesday night at 6:00 PM a group of loyal folks gather at the church to pray for many people near and far.

Some of the people we know but many others we don't know and perhaps never will. Since we are known as a praying church we receive many requests for prayer for various needs of many people.

Currently we have requests from people in Texas, Florida, Maryland, all New England States and beyond. These faithful people of prayer are small in number but their prayers are heard by our all loving, awesome God.

These faithful people are as follows: Mike Bush, Pat Beal, Barbara DuBois and Pam Ashley. Dennis Phillips was also a regular prayer participant at our Prayer Table.

Many thanks to the faithfulness in attending each Wednesday in all kinds of weather to attend to the prayer needs of real people with real needs. I say all kinds of weather, in fact on many a frigid winter Wednesday, our prayer room barely gets warm by the time our meeting ends. Brrr.

"I Think You're Going to Make It as a Pastor"

On a recent Sunday after I preached a sermon on Temptation, 100 year old Dot Manson told me she really needed to hear that message. I asked her what could she possibly be tempted by at her age. Her quick response was one word: "Chocolate!"

Later she added "I think you're going to make it as a pastor!" At age 72, I was happy to get her encouraging words!

I love you Dot.

Just One More Pun!

People are choosing cremation over traditional burial. It shows they are thinking out of the box.

Church PicNc and Baptism Service Coming in August

Now is the time to be making a decision about baptism for yourself. This annual event is scheduled in the month of August on a Sunday afternoon when the mighty Piscataqua River is at its warmest.

If you wish to be baptized this year you must attend a Pre-Baptism Class with me so that you know exactly what you are doing.

Please contact me by phone in person or by email as soon as convenient so that we can get this matter attended to.

Pam Ashley Goes to San Francisco and Back

Pam Ashley took her first ever plane ride in a jet to California in early July. She flew to San Francisco for a week on business as a food manager for the Portsmouth School District. She was nervous about flying but returned as a happy seasoned traveler.

A Quick Vacation in New Gloucester, Maine

Mary Lou and I spent two days of our vacation visiting our youngest daughter, Leslie and her family in the Town of New Gloucester, just north of Portland.

Leslie, a school teaching technician, and husband Shane, an IT with Martin's Point Medical recently bought a beautiful home in a nicely wooded area with lots of room for our two grand daughters, Teddy, (Theodora), age 3 and Lucci, (Luccianna) age 1.

What a hoy to spend time with ones "children's children" as the Bible puts it.

We have two grandsons by our oldest daughter Katherine an RN. Her sons are Jace, age 22, and

Devon, age 19.

The Lord has richly blessed us with wonderful children and grandchildren.

Frugal Tip of the Month **Homemade Furniture Polish**

For a homemade furniture polish try the following:

4 cups of olive oil

2 cups of water

1 tsp of lemon oil

Mix ingredients in a spray bottle and shake before using.

Try to use this only once a month, and use a damp rag for the rest of the month

Card Making and Crafts

Cheryl Goodwin, leader of our Card Sharks groups, has decided to add crafts to the title so that those who do not wish to make greeting cards may join the groups to do the craft of their choice. I use the plural word groups because Cheryl has one group that meets at the church and another group that meets at the Meetinghouse Villag Solarium.

This will have the effect of reaching more folks who wish to enjoy the fellowship and meet new friends. Spread the word to your friends. See Cheryl for upcoming dates and times of the craft gatherings.

July Quarterly Church Business Meeting

Our scheduled meeting was held on July 11, however, no business could be conducted as there were only three people attending the meeting.

It was a wake-up call as it dawned on us that a business meeting in the middle of vacation season makes little sense. We often hear from church Board members and non-Board members that monthly meetings are not needed.

We are bound by years-old by-laws that dictate what we do and when we do it. I believe it is time to make the By-Laws work for us

and not us work for the By-Laws. Jesus used a similar comment by saying "the Sabbath is for man; not that man is for the Sabbath."

Saying Grace Before Meals

According to a recent poll, about half of all Americans say a prayer before eating at least several times a week.

Even some who reject organized religion still pray before a meal.

The practice is far more prevalent among both black and white evangelicals (Baptists and Advent Christians etc.) than among mainline churches (Methodists & Congregationalists etc.)

Do You Have a Favorite Hymn or Two?

I want your input for the four different hymns that I choose each Sunday. If you have some favorites from our hymnal that you would like us to sing, please jot down the page numbers or titles and I'll be sure that we will sing them soon.

Even if it is a hymn we've not sung before it will be beneficial to learn it.

If it is in our hymnal, you know it has been approved by Bill and Gloria Gaither!

My Misplaced Books

I can't find my Book of Riddles or my Joke Book so I will have two pass on those two popular(?) features this month. Not sure if I misplaced them or Mary Lou hid them. She doesn't appreciate my silly sense of humor but I know that Rev. Dr. Wilbert Gough does!

By the way, I was so pleased to have the 99 year old Rev. Dr. Gough, a real man of God, worship with us recently.

Closing Out for This Month

Kent Davis shared some tender thoughts at the funeral for Dennis

Phillips. Especially poignant was what Dennis said to Kent each time they parted. Here it is:
"Well Kent, thank you, have a good week and I'll see you later."
