

Old South Church

United Church of Christ

June 2017 Telstar

Rooted in faith, Growing in love, reaching for justice

A Message from Pastor Linda Hatch

The Chatham Fishing Industry on Cape Cod has a sculpture near their wharf called "The Provider." It is a large hand reaching down toward many different kinds of fish coming out of the sea. Their vision posted near it is: **"Ever changing to remain the same."**

Does that not speak to the church today? In order to remain true to who we are called to be, as the Body of Christ, we have to change and yet ever bring along treasured traditions out of our heritage. Finding new ways and letting go of some old ones.

Just as the fishing industry, here in Maine, has to change to work successfully in the impacted and changing waters of this time, so does the church have to change to continue to be faithful and live out the mission of being the Body of Christ in the changing landscape of this time.

The church is impacted today by the demands of technology, five generations with differing needs and desires from their church, and needed governance changes to function efficiently. And, increasingly, we need to imagine other's needs, near and far. To continue to be faithful to God we must find new ways to be the love of Christ in the world and let go of some things that no longer bring meaning and compassion to one another and the ever changing world God loves.

This interim time is for discerning the ways we are called by God's grace to change and grow in new seeing and reaching out to be the needed love of Christ here and in the world. Christ is the vine and we are the branches that ever need some pruning to give growth faithfully for the vine-grower, God.

Our conversations together are the fertile soil for just such growing and being rooted in safety and love. And they will lead this church to the needed understandings to craft the search profile in its new narrative form, calling for our imagination and clear naming of who is needed to partner with you in this church's future ministry.

Thank you to the good and faithful work of the Transition Team and to the good attendance at our conversations that move us forward.

Blessings abound in this transitional ministry,
Linda

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***No matter who you are
or where you are on
life's journey,
you are welcome here.***



Would you like to meet with Rev. Linda? She is working in town on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays and available to meet with you. Linda will be in the office when she doesn't have appointments or meetings. Please feel free to contact Pastor Linda at 356-7573 or email her at Linda@FarmingtonUCC.org

Please note, Rev. Linda will be away on Tuesday, June 13, at the Nevola Symposium at Colby College in Waterville.

Executive Council

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From The Moderator

One year ago, when I became moderator, I thought that things would quiet down after the October vote on the fate of the Holman house. Later I adjusted that prediction: things would get quieter and easier once the Capital Campaign was completed this spring. Still later it became clear that the search for a settled pastor would be another major undertaking, and thus we wouldn't be able to put up our feet and relax until some point in 2018. But by then we'll need to be well along our way to doing something new with HMH, which will constitute yet another large, continuing task. . . .

So what's my point here, beyond the obvious fact that my crystal ball needs an upgrade? I'm saying that we're never going to reach that mythical quiet, easy time in the life of the church; and even more than that, I'm saying that I no longer think that such a time ever existed. For example, just today I learned that once upon a time, not all that many years ago, our finances were troubled enough that some members seriously considered our moving in with a different congregation. You see, it's tempting to focus on today's problems – aging brickwork in need of repair, a wider society in which mainline churches are in decline – and conclude that this is a new thing, that we live in uniquely difficult times. But while the details may be new, the fact is that over the decades the congregation has sometimes grown and sometimes shrunk, our financial status has sometimes improved and sometimes declined, and the wider society has gone through its many convulsions that sometimes aid and sometimes hinder our calling to be God's people.

The moral certainly isn't that we should be complacent and assume ultimate success. No, we need to work towards success. There will always be such work to do, far beyond 2018; but we should be optimistic that what we face is no more daunting than what those who came before us faced, confident that if we focus on doing the right thing we have every reason to hope for good outcomes.

With summer drawing near I wish all of you many days of recreation, relaxation, and renewal. Then in the fall we can again address the questions and challenges of our time, playing our collective part in the ongoing faith story that is Old South.

Chris Magri



From Your Treasurer

Happy Summer All!

As this is last Telstar article for the Summer Break, I want to wish you a most enjoyable Summer Season. As I write this, we have been in the middle of some dreary days for May. I always try to be thankful for rain because it is so important, but some sun and warm temps would greatly welcomed right now!!!

We are continuing to move forward with our Capital Campaign and everything is going smoothly so far on that front. Our income and expenses are holding steady. As always, thank you for your continued support with your time and financial giving.

The Financial Trustees are exploring new options for our Investment Accounts and we hope to be able to schedule a meeting for an in depth discussion in the Fall.

As of this Telstar printing (May 24), our year-to-date income is \$108,867.49 and our expenses are \$95,507.05.

Peace,

Amanda Adams



Deacons' Corner

SALT AND LIGHT

When I heard that Old South had been chosen to receive this year's Salt and Light Award, I was thrilled! Our community has offered us a beautiful affirmation of the work we do. At another time this might not have seemed so poignant. After all, our business is to be about God's work, following our hearts, not seeking praise.

But, let's face it, gang, it's been a somewhat daunting year: starting this time last year with disheartening projections of Old South's financial situation, through a challenging disagreement about the future of the Holman Mission House, through the resignation of our Pastor, through a contentious national election, a long winter and the inevitably unsettled feeling of a time of transition, who could blame us if our spirits sagged a bit.

Jesus warns us about sagging spirits--about losing our saltiness or hiding our lamps under bowls. But, in spite of our worries and concerns, we held our lamps high! Our Community Lunch served record breaking numbers of meals and our Youth developed Coat & Cupboard offering free warm clothes and food to the community. The list could go on and on.

From this, I have learned a remarkable lesson about the resiliency of Old South Church. Our commitment to being "formed by God to transform the world" runs deep and strong. I would like to believe that we will face the challenge of diminishing resources with the same Spirit, that we will continue to dig deep to seek out God's will and that we will follow it even if it seems risky. May we never lose our saltiness or forget that it is our job to shine God's light in this world!

On behalf of the deacons, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer.

Shelley Griffith

Your Deacons: Rina Bardo, Roger Condit, Linda Fournier, Thad Gunther (stepping down), Gretchen Legler (stepping down), Wendy Oakley, Betsy Riley (stepping down), Michelle Scribner, Mary Sinclair, Fred O Smith, Carole Trickett, Ryan Westbrook-Vigue, Shelley Griffith, Junior Deacon for 2017-2018: Grace McIntosh, and new deacons as yet unknown!



Financial and Property Trustees

Financial Trustees Update

The Financial Trustees met with Mark Schussler who is the Maine Conference contact person for the conference investment fund, Ken Blaschke, a partner in HeadInvest which is the firm managing the Maine Conference's investments, and a member of the Board of Trustees responsible for oversight of the Maine Conference Fund. HeadInvest is located in Portland. They were selected, after careful consideration, by the trustees of the Maine Conference Fund. HeadInvest represents non-profit clients including religious organizations, towns and municipal entities, libraries, land trusts, family and civic foundations, health-care focused organizations, and college scholarship funds. Following the presentation, the Financial Trustees voted to recommend to our church members that we move our endowment funds and the HMH bequest into the Maine Conference Fund. The fund is socially responsible. The financial trustees will be putting together an informational packet and presentation for a future congregational meeting, discussion and vote – date to be determined.

The Capital Campaign has received eight pledges as of May 9, 2017. Members of the campaign committee will be visiting church members throughout May to distribute campaign packets and answer questions. Our goal based on the Feasibility Study report is \$200,000 with a "stretch" goal of an additional \$75,000.

Another important item on the Financial Trustees' agenda in the fall will be a program for Planned Giving.

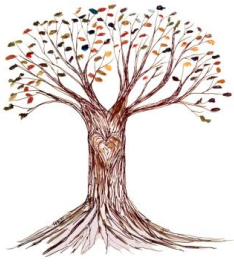
Marilyn Hylan, Chair

Property Trustee Update

Please pray for the rain to stop long enough for the puddles in the Church driveway to dry up. We have committed to a contractor to totally regrade and resurface the driveway but he cannot proceed until the puddles are dried up.

Thank you for your support and hopefully by the time you read this the job will have been completed.

Gil Riley, Chair



News and Upcoming Events



Special Greeters



The Hot Pockets

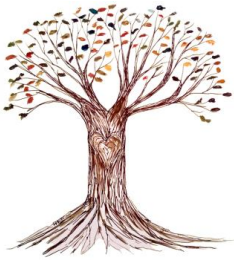
*Please join us on **Sunday, June 4**, to celebrate the end of the church school year. Our youth will lead us in worship and song during this joy filled service.*

As the Sunday School program year ends, we extend our sincere appreciation to our Sunday School teachers: Amanda and Arin Hilton, Karri McCarthy, and Jodie Gunther; the Church School Superintendents: Arin Hilton and Karri McCarthy. We thank our nursery attendant, Teresa Hays, and the Director of Children and Youth Ministries, Jodie Gunther. We appreciate your loving dedication and offering of time and talent to this ministry.



Special Coffee Hour

*Please join us for a special coffee hour on **Sunday, June 4**, to celebrate the upcoming marriage of Amanda Adams and Mary Sinclair. Mary and Amanda will be providing refreshments for coffee hour and hope you will join them for this celebration of their love.*



News & Upcoming Events



The Retirees Lunch is at Noon in the Vestry on **Monday, June 5**. The menu will be hamburgers, hotdogs, and sausage. This will be the last gathering before our summer break. Please bring a dish to share and join Dick and Lynda Giard for lunch. For more information, contact Dick at 897-6228.

Thank You to Our Music Ministry

Please join us on **Sunday, June 11**, for the choir's final Sunday until September! We thank our wonderful senior choir, choir master and our dedicated organist for the ministry of music they offer to us each Sunday, and we send the choir and choir master off with blessings for a well-deserved summer break. Special Music for the Summer begins on June 18.

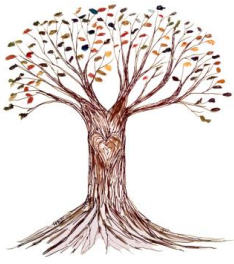


Transition Conversation Continued: "Snacks for Dad"

*Please join the Transition Team on **Sunday, June 18**, for Snacks for Dad and the 2nd conversation in the Transition series. We will gather for snacks and coffee immediately after worship and begin our conversation. We anticipate the discussion will be short but meaningful and significant as it was at our May gathering. The questions we share and discuss will be different and lead us further along in our path to completing the important work of this interim time.*

Transition Team

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News & Upcoming Events



**DON'T
FORGET...**

June Committee and Group Meetings

Deacons' Meeting	Sunday, June 11, Matthew Room following worship
Executive Council	Wednesday, June 7, 6:00 pm
Financial Trustees	Tuesday, June 13, HMH at 5:30 pm
Outreach, Justice, Witness	Tuesday, June 20, Matthew Room at 6:30 pm
Property Trustees	Tuesday, June 13, HMH at 6:30 pm



Special Music for the Summer

Our wonderful choir will take a well-deserved break for the summer beginning June 18. If you are interested in providing special music on a Sunday between June 18 and September 3, please sign up on the sheet posted in the Vestry or call Phyllis in the church office (778-0424) to find out about open Sundays!

The yard and plant sale dates are June 2-3. Last minute donations of books, household goods, and decorations are being accepted through June 1. Donations are being accepted during office hours, Tuesday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please help us: no clothing, electronic items, VHS tapes, cassettes, or broken items. Thank you!

**YARD
SALE**



News & Upcoming Events

SAVE THESE DATES!

Friday and Saturday, June 2-3, Yard and Plant Sale
Tuesday, July 4th Strawberry Shortcake at Pierce House
Saturday, July 22nd-Pie On the Porch, Holman Mission House

Fall Concerts

Thursday, September 14th – Coig*



Thursday, October 26, Barrule

*New England Celtic Arts partnership

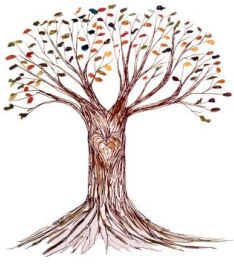
*6:15 pm Jam Session - 7 pm Concert

Old South Church Concert proceeds benefit the
Handicap Accessibility Fund
Concert Ticket Reservation Line 207-491-5919

Church Family News and Announcements

The next issue of Telstar will be the September issue. Church family news and events will continue to be shared regularly in the weekly email and on Sundays at our church services. If you have an announcement for the church bulletin, please submit it to Phyllis (Phyllis@FarmingtonUCC.org) by Wednesday prior to the Sunday service.

For the weekly emails, the submission deadline is Thursdays by 5:00 pm for the following Wednesday mailing of "This Week at Old South" (Kate@FarmingtonUCC.org).



Mission & Outreach

Outreach, Justice and Witness will be meeting in the Matthew Room at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 20. This is an open ministry with no fixed membership, and we encourage you to stop in, see what plans are in action and help us to serve God's people both locally and globally.



Summer Lunch Ministry with Outreach, Justice, and Witness

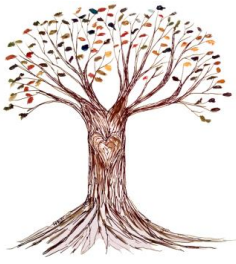
Outreach, Justice & Witness in cooperation with RSU9 will be providing free lunches for children in Farmington again this summer. The Summer Lunch Program will be held at a new location, the corner of Maple Street and High Street at the home of Dennis O'Neil, and will start Monday June 26 and run through Thursday July 27. We will be serving lunches Mondays through Thursdays and would welcome any volunteers to help with this much needed and heartwarming ministry. Children who are hungry over the summer regress educationally and start school in the fall at a disadvantage. If you are interested in helping please contact Beth Hatcher (645-5192).

If summer ever comes, life will slow down in general for most. We urge you to keep in touch with your Senators, Congressman and State Legislators letting them know how you feel about their impending votes and legislation. It is up to us as Christians to make this world better for all whether feeding the hungry, preserving our environment or helping a neighbor.



Food Closet Item of the Month: canned tuna, canned beans, crackers

Your donations of these items and other nonperishable food and toiletry items are welcome. You may bring items to the church, and donations will be delivered to Care and Share. Thank you for your continuing support of this ecumenical ministry.



Mission & Outreach



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD - Offering of Letters

The April 30 Offering of Letters at Old South yielded 84 letters mailed to our US Congressional leaders, urging them to protect and expand programs that address food insecurity in the United States, and around the world. Thanks to everyone who participated - you make a difference!

Outreach, Justice and Witness

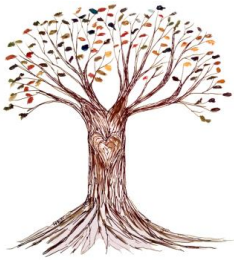


Western Maine Underwearness Project

The Underwearness Project is an organization that collects underwear for children. Often, underwear and socks are items that children in families struggling to make ends meet are lacking. Underwear isn't generally offered at thrift stores and the cost of new underwear and socks can add up for families.

Outreach, Justice and Witness has placed a collection box in the vestry at Old South. Please consider purchasing a package of underwear (underpants or undershirts) or socks, child through teen sizes, to donate. The Western Maine Underwearness Project organizers will distribute the items to places such as the homeless shelter and schools where they can be given out to kids in need.

On behalf of Outreach, Justice, and Witness,
Sherry Jenckes

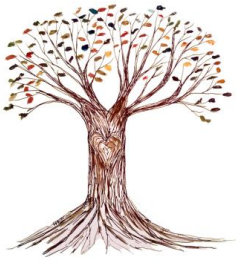


Mission & Outreach

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY IN HONDURAS Honduras Partnership, Maine Conference UCC



The Maine UCC Honduras Partnership has plans to send a mission group to Honduras in October, and you could participate! The volunteer team is going to support a medical clinic in the mountain town of Subirana by building a security fence to protect the clinic and equipment. If you can't see yourself doing heavy work don't worry. You will be able to help by holding a baby while the mother works or encouraging others. With all the publicity Honduras received for violence in the last eight years, travel to Honduras may sound alarming, but Subirana is a small town in a safe region of the country, and our teams follow strict security procedures (no going out of the compound without supervision, no night driving, stay in pairs, and staying away from the cities where the violence has been notorious). In addition, the crime rate has gone down. The leader of the group will be May Schumacher of Buxton. This will be her tenth trip to lead with volunteers including both adults and youth. The cost should be around \$1,300 or \$1,400 plus spending money for snacks and church offerings. Air and land transportation is included. Please contact the leader, May Schumacher at schumacher@roadrunner.com to find out more or to sign up. For more information on the Maine Conference and the Honduras Partnership, you may also check this link to read about past and future trips, review application materials, and view photos: <http://maineucc.org/honduras-partnership/>



Mission & Outreach



Community Lunch

Well, we managed to survive another May Luncheon where we are not only competing with Mother's Day weekend, but UMF graduation as well. And then the complicating factor of 5 of our regular helpers were going to be out of town and not available. But, as always, we managed to muddle through and got the food to those who wanted it.

We served a total of around 140 meals, including 75 meals delivered to folks in the Farmington area. Chicken stew and biscuits proved to be a hit.

The June Community Luncheon will close out our regular program year and as usual we will celebrate everything we've done for the year with a "cookout." We will be serving hamburgers or Italian sausages sandwiches with peppers and onions, coleslaw, chips, and a cookie.

We will then take July and August off to rest (and fish!) and get ready for next year. I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to Tom and Rocell Marcellino for so generously supplying us with the meat for every meal. Without them we would never be able to continue this ministry. Additionally, we owe a great debt of thanks to Jodie Gunther and God's Kitchen Crew for faithfully providing us with cake for all our meals. And, finally, to all those who have come in to help, from the regular kitchen crew to the peeling party folks to those who come to help set up tables and serve the lunches...THANK YOU! Without all of you, this ministry would not happen. You are ALL awesome!

Stan Wheeler

Spread the Love

Strengthen the Church Special Offering

On Sunday, June 4, we will be accepting contributions for the United Church of Christ Special Offering, *Strengthen the Church*. Your gift to *Strengthen the Church* builds the UCC's future. From funding new congregations to invigorating existing ones, from fostering tomorrow's leaders to nurturing today's, *Strengthen the Church* grows our presence as a vibrant community of extravagant welcome. Your offerings are directed to the Maine Conference, Local Church Ministries and for the first time this year, The Still Speaking Ministry. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Fundraising



Annual Yard and Plant Sale volunteers needed: The yard and plant sale dates are June 2-3. In addition to volunteers, we need your donations of books, household goods, and decorations. Start gathering those unwanted lamps, platters, pottery, crystal, exercise equipment, books, decorations, and more now! Donations are being accepted now during office hours. ***Please help us: no clothing, electronic items, or broken items.*** If you would like to help with the yard sale, please contact Brenda Scribner (299-3686). Thank you!

Ongoing Fundraising Programs



Hannaford and Merchant Gift Cards

Hannaford cards and merchant gift cards may be purchased on Sundays before Church and during coffee hour and at the church office during office hours. Check out the selection of ready to use gift cards of local, regional and on-line merchants at the Fundraising Committee Table or in the church office!

Do you shop at Amazon?

Be sure to do your shopping through Amazon Smile and Amazon will donate .5% of your total to Old South. There's no cost to you and once you choose Old South as your charity, there's nothing else you need to do. You can go to smile.amazon.com and click select on First Congregational of Farmington. Thank you to those of you who have been utilizing this giving method already!



Children & Youth



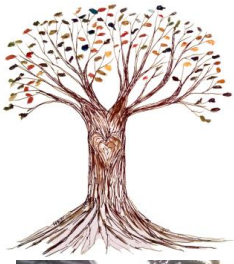
Children's Sunday

Please join us on Children's Sunday, June 4, as we celebrate the culmination of the Sunday School year in a special end-of-the-school-year worship service. From music to poetry to art, our children and youth will share their talents and energy with the congregation. As in years past, we'll present our 3rd graders with Bibles, and honor our high school graduates with a special Senior Blessing.

Sunday School & BBC

While we don't have traditional Sunday School classes during the summer months, we do have fun, interactive ways for children to experience the worship services at Old South. For small children, we offer Activity Bags, located in the narthex (just outside the sanctuary door). Each bag contains coloring pages and crayons, "quiet" toys, and picture books. For children who are comfortable readers, we prepare weekly "**Kids' Bulletins**," which, like the regular bulletins, follow the readings, hymns, and prayers of the worship service--but with a little bit of fun, too. Kids will find coloring pages that link to the morning's sermon theme, as well as mazes and word search games, and a few colorful comments by a cranky sheep, who lurks in the margins.

In addition, summer worship services continue to feature a "*Time with the Children*" segment, where kids come forward to the altar steps to chat with the worship leader. And, as always, the staffed nursery welcomes infants and toddlers.



Children & Youth



The Mini Retreat: **“Hello? Hello?”**

It wouldn't really be summer without the annual “Mini Retreat” at Clearwater Lake! Old South's youth group will converge at Jodie's camp for an afternoon and evening of swimming, games, food, swimming, hiking, swimming, food, swimming (and yes, those repeats are intentional!) Plus, of course, we'll have time for quiet spiritual reflection, too. We'll welcome a special guest speaker, watch a great movie under the stars, and hammer out the details of the fall's Coat & Cupboard mission work....and, yes, swim! Watch your mailbox for the invitation---the date & time will be announced soon. All students in grades 8 through 12 are invited to join us--bring a friend!



Sunday School Summer Party

We have a full afternoon of special fun planned, once again, for kids in grades K - 7. You can count on great games, cool art projects, and a return of the “Slip-n-Slide” on the Holman Mission House lawn. Plus, we'll help out with a simple-but-important mission project. More details coming your way soon---watch your mailbox, email, and Facebook for dates, times, and more.



Children & Youth

Share Your Joy: Become a Sunday School Teacher!

It's an easy way to make a big difference in a child's life: become a Sunday School teacher at Old South. The Christian Education Committee is looking for new teachers who'd be willing to serve just once or twice each month. We have engaging curriculum, plenty of supplies, and flexible dates. Please contact Jodie at Jodie@FarmingtonUCC.org or Arin Hilton at arinhilton@gmail.com.

2016-2017 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Amanda and Arin Hilton, Karri McCarthy, and Jodie Gunther

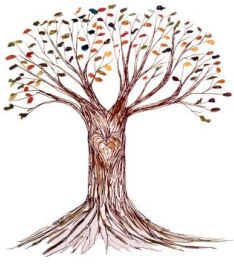
Nursery

Teresa Hays

Sunday School Superintendents

Arin Hilton and Karri McCarthy





Worship & Music



Revised Common Lectionary

The Revised Common Lectionary is a list of Bible passages followed by the majority of mainline Christian churches, including the United Church of Christ. Pastor Linda will be following the Revised Common Lectionary each week. You will find the lectionary readings below for June.

Fourth Sunday of Easter May 7, 2017	* <u>Acts 2:42-47</u>	<u>Psalm 23</u>	<u>1 Peter 2:19-25</u>	<u>John 10:1-10</u>
Fifth Sunday of Easter May 14, 2017	* <u>Acts 7:55-60</u>	<u>Psalm 31:1-5,</u> <u>15-16</u>	<u>1 Peter 2:2-10</u>	<u>John 14:1-14</u>
Sixth Sunday of Easter May 21, 2017	* <u>Acts 17:22-31</u>	<u>Psalm 66:8-20</u>	<u>1 Peter 3:13-22</u>	<u>John 14:15-21</u>
Ascension of the Lord May 25, 2017	* <u>Acts 1:1-11</u>	<u>Psalm 47</u> or <u>Psalm 93</u>	<u>Ephesians 1:15-</u> <u>23</u>	<u>Luke 24:44-53</u>
Seventh Sunday of Easter May 28, 2017 <i>(If Ascension not observed here)</i>	* <u>Acts 1:6-14</u>	<u>Psalm 68:1-10,</u> <u>32-35</u>	<u>1 Peter 4:12-14;</u> <u>5:6-11</u>	<u>John 17:1-11</u>
Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth May 31, 2017	* <u>1 Samuel 2:1-</u> <u>10</u>	<u>Psalm 113</u>	<u>Romans 12:9-</u> <u>16b</u>	<u>Luke 1:39-57</u>

The Living Water Association, Maine Conference and the United Church of Christ



Pilgrim Lodge 2017 Camp Registration

Partial camp scholarships for youth from Old South are available through Old South Church through the generosity of the Women of Old South. Funds are raised for scholarship through the annual Harvest Supper under the direction of Brenda Scribner. Check the www.pilgrimlodge.org for information regarding camps and registration.

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



Would you like to learn more about the United Church of Christ? Please check the United Church of Christ website for more information about our denomination:
<http://www.ucc.org> On this site, you may sign up for "Weekly Seeds" a reflection based on the Revised Common Lectionary readings for each Sunday of the year. There is also a link to an electronic daily devotional called, "The StillSpeaking Daily Devotional."



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Old South Statement of Identity

“In Christ there is no longer Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for all are one...”

(Galatians 3:28)

Walking toward God, we, the members of (Old South) First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, Farmington, Maine, seek through God’s Grace to be a congregation that includes all persons who desire to live God’s Love, as shown to us through the teachings and example of Jesus Christ. We respect and embrace differences of gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identification, mental and physical ability, as well as racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic background. We welcome all to share fully in the life and leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, and blessings of participation in our congregation. We are an open and affirming church: open to all, and affirming of all God’s beloved children. No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Would you like to meet with Rev. Linda? She will be available in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays unless she has appointments or meetings scheduled.</p> <p>Linda will be out of the office on Tuesday, June 13, at a Conference. Please feel free to contact Pastor Linda at 356-7573 or Linda@FarmingtonUCC.org.</p>					<p>2 9:00am Yard Sale (HMH Carriage House, Holman Mission House grounds)</p>	<p>3 9:00am Yard Sale (HMH Carriage House, Holman Mission House grounds) 11:00am Celebration of Life: Dolores Verhoeven (Sanctuary)</p>
<p>4 9:30am Farmington Friends (HMH Gathering Room) 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>5 6:00pm Buddhist Group (Newman Wing)</p>	<p>6 5:15pm InnerRhythm (Chapel) 6:00pm Property Trustees (Holman Mission House)</p>	<p>7 6:00pm Executive Council (Holman Mission House) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Matthew Room)</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 12:00pm Community Lunch (Kitchen, Vestry)</p>
<p>11 9:30am Farmington Friends (HMH Gathering Room) 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00am Deacons' Meeting (Matthew Room)</p>	<p>12 6:00pm Buddhist Group (Newman Wing)</p>	<p>13 5:15pm InnerRhythm (Chapel) 5:30pm Financial Trustees (HMH Meeting Room)</p>	<p>14 2:00pm Bereavement Support Group (Chapel)</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 9:30am Farmington Friends (HMH Gathering Room) 11:00am "Snacks for Dad" Transition Conversation (Vestry)</p>	<p>19 6:00pm Buddhist Group (Newman Wing)</p>	<p>20 5:15pm InnerRhythm (Chapel) 6:30pm Outreach, Justice and Witness (Matthew Room)</p>	<p>21 7:00pm LinQ/LGBTQ Support Group (Holman Mission House)</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 9:30am Farmington Friends (HMH Gathering Room)</p>	<p>26 6:00pm Buddhist Group (Newman Wing)</p>	<p>27 5:15pm InnerRhythm (Chapel)</p>	<p>28 2:00pm Bereavement Support Group (Chapel)</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	