

Old South Church

United Church of Christ

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Rooted in faith, Growing in love, reaching for justice

A Message from Pastor Linda Hatch

Dear Old South Congregation,

Our transition time is coming to its natural completion in the coming of a new settled pastor to be with you in your ministry and mission. I affirm and lift-up the work this congregation has done through the gathered conversations, the dedicated work of the Transition Team, and the bringing of that called settled pastor to this church by the Search Committee. All is accomplished and looking forward to a **New Beginning**.

I will continue to work with you through Sunday, October 28th. It is considered good and healthy to have a space between the end of the interim pastor's time and start of the new settled pastor. That will be just the month of November. Early in our interim time, I used the prophet Jeremiah's words: "Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit."

So, you have worked through that time of drought and continue to trust in God who does provide, as November is witness to, in Thanksgiving and harvest. The Deacons will see that the pulpit is supplied and that there will be pastoral coverage. And then, what a beautiful time for the coming of Rev. Kettell with Advent, the first season of the Christian Year, filled with waiting and expectation for the coming of the Christ child in light and love, ever a **New Beginning**.

May we remember God's blessings in this time of ending and beginning. St. Augustine's prayer words from long ago, adapted a bit for today, seem good to keep with us through this time going forward.

Eternal God, help us to more truly know you that we may truly love you, and so love you that we may ever serve you, whom to serve is perfect freedom.

May blessings abound,

Linda

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



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We extend our sincere gratitude to the members of the Search Committee and the Transition Team for their completed ministry which culminated in a successful search and vote at the Business Meeting on Sunday, September 16. Through their service to Old South, the search process was completed successfully, and we are overjoyed to announce that by a 72-0-1 vote the Rev. Marrison Kettell has been called to serve as our next settled pastor. Rev. Kettell will start working at Old South on the first Sunday of Advent, December 2. God is good! All the time!

Transition Team

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Jen and Gabe Civiello
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Shelley Griffith
Roy Scribner
Mary Sinclair
Donna Wheeler

Search Committee

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Mary Sinclair, Scribe
Stan Wheeler, Chaplain



From The Moderator

One down, one to go.

I'm writing just two days after our congregation voted, by a 72-0-1 margin, to call the Rev. Mairaine Kettell to be our next settled pastor. It's been a long road. In terms of time, it's been twenty-three months since Pastor Alexis let us know that she would be leaving, and nineteen months since Pastor Linda arrived to work with us and guide us as we sought a new settled pastor. In terms of effort, our Transition Team and our Pastoral Search Committee put in an outrageously large number of person-hours on behalf of Old South. We can be extremely grateful to everyone who played a role in getting us to this point. As your moderator, I was *not* much involved in the confidential process that got us here; but I got to bang the gavel on the happy outcome, which was rewarding in its own way.

Up above I did allude, however, to the fact that there's a *second* big endeavor that still needs to come to fruition. While we wait for Advent and Rev. Kettell's December 2 arrival, there's still the homeless shelter / HMH project to be working on and thinking about. Recently our architect, Bill Hamilton, laid out the project to a local building contractor, and now we're waiting to hear a price estimate. We'll doubtless pass this by another local contractor as well, just to be safe and sensible about it. Then, once we and the shelter have a better handle on the finances involved, we'll go to the state fire marshal and the town planning board for formal approval. I hope this goes quickly and smoothly. Over the months I've found that a large project involving two separate volunteer-run organizations cannot, despite everyone's best intentions, proceed as quickly as one would like. At least, it can't proceed as quickly as this impatient former New Yorker would like. But God is good, and we will get there.

Now, I have no illusions that once this second project has been completed, all will be settled and stable and we'll just hang around singing hymns to stave off boredom. Church, despite all the jokes about resisting change, is about constantly being called to change – in the right ways – to serve the needs of our particular time and place. All the same, for the moment I'm taking a deep breath and appreciating the big, positive step we just took.

Chris Magri



From the Treasurer

It's hard to believe it is already October! Along with fall, the stewardship season is officially here. When I was in the church office one day, I saw a UCC coffee mug with the following wording:



These are some of the reasons I decided to become a member at Old South. This is why supporting Old South is important to me. I hope we can all agree that Old South strives to “be the church”.

As we begin our stewardship campaign, please consider how you can help financially support our endeavors of being the church and all that it entails. It takes **every single one of us** to make our ministries possible. Each gift, **no matter how big or small**, is needed for us to continue being a relevant, viable, safe space in our community for **all** people. In addition to financial gifts, we are always in need of volunteers. There are numerous places to get involved in our ministry here. Everyone is gifted uniquely and **all** of us are needed. We just have to be **willing**.

“For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, as it is written: ‘The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little.’”

1 Corinthians 8:12-15

Peace,

Amanda Adams
Treasurer

*At the time of the Telstar printing, our income to date for the year is \$166,481 and our operating expenses are \$152,048. For the month of September, at the time of Telstar printing on Sept. 26, income totaled \$9603, and our expenses were \$13,539.



From the Financial Trustees

Fall has arrived and the Financial Trustees are meeting again. Our main focus for the month of October will be the annual Stewardship Campaign.

We also want to remind you, our congregation, that we are in the second year of **our three-year Capital Campaign**. The handicap/lift project has been completed. Now, we move on to repairing the brick work for the north face of the church. If you have not sent in your second year capital campaign amount, please do so as soon as possible. To those of you who have paid in full or have sent in your second year amount, we really appreciate your support. In addition to this reminder, we will be sending out reminder letters.

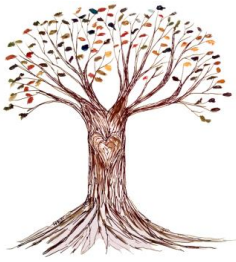
From the Financial Trustees

This year, members of the Property Trustees have been working (possibly not as quietly as we should) in the background, helping, where we could, doing things such as:

The broken Canadian Glider in the sanctuary was repaired earlier this year so we have two usable rockers, again. As summer approached members removed the interior storm windows and installed the air conditioner in the vestry. Minor adjustments to the church were made for persons in wheelchairs so they would better be able to access areas others more readily could. An all gender restroom was created by removing the stall in the former men's room in the upper level of the Newman Wing, adding an *In Use* lock, and amending the designation on the wall outside the room. Stairs to the Holman Mission House, in need of repair, were taken care of, in August. New locks to the room at the bottom of the vestry stairs and new church offices were purchased by a member of the Property Trustees and installed. Because Kären Williams- Jordan's family donated a beautiful young crab-apple tree in her memory, we were asked to choose a place for it to be planted. The entire Property Trustees board walked the church lawns, taking into account needed sunlight, angles of lighting, etc., seeking not only a good place for the tree itself, but, a spot that was also aesthetically pleasing. Outside the North Tower, between the brick walkway and the driveway for the church and the HMH was chosen and a spot, even with the other crab-apple tree was marked. The tree has since been planted, and I have been informed it needs several gallons of water daily. Anyone wishing to help with the care of the tree is asked to check if the ground is wet around the tree before adding more water. Showering the tree with love is encouraged, however, drowning the roots will not help it grow strong. The water faucet is located on the outside wall of the church, about halfway between the rear entry for the church and the stairway. It is a pewter color with a black knob and blends into the wall slightly. Also, should you choose to help water the tree, please don't dump all the water in one spot, but, gently pour it around the entire tree, ensuring the whole tree receives the water and so one spot doesn't develop a hole, washing dirt away from the roots, which happens sometimes when one might be in a hurry. That could wreck the tree's root system and possibly even dislodge it.

Recently, I was approached by a member who asked if she and her husband might trim bushes outside the church. By all means, stewardship is welcome, however, please be careful and don't try forcing yourself to cut/trim something you can't reach. Please mention the area to a Property Trustee and someone who can reach it will be glad to do so. I do ask the bushes with large thorns near the electrical pole be left. Those bushes will be removed by a Trustee and member of the church when they can. This will make moving the lawn much easier and make the lawn look much cleaner.

Peace,
Daniel Bachelder



Deacons' Corner

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

God speaks to Israel through Isaiah, saying, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name and you are mine." (Isaiah, chapter 43 verse 1) I'm definitely not a theologian, but I wonder, what is the importance of God summoning Israel "by name"? Could it be to suggest that a name has power, that a name identifies the totality and uniqueness of each person? A name gathers together that person's face, gestures, voice, all that expresses the person's being. Perhaps, by calling us "by name", God is calling our whole beings into action.

This Fall, the deacons propose to launch a "Wear Your Name Tag" campaign. Old South has had numerous name tag promotions in the past. We dutifully scrounge around, find our name tags, wear them for a week or two and then forget again. Our lives are busy and that little plastic tag falls right off our radar.

Some people might say to themselves, "I don't have to wear my name tag because everybody already knows me." That may have been true in the past when congregations were less fluid. But today new people come and others leave to continue their life journeys elsewhere. Those who stay come to church when they can, but have many other obligations as well. Last Sunday, I guessed that there were probably close to a dozen people at church whose names I didn't know.

Wearing name tags is more than a token gesture. Recently, somebody told me that more visitors seem to be sitting on the sidelines during coffee hour. Wearing name tags is one way we can all help to bridge the distance between ourselves and people we don't know. Here are some ways that might work:

- *If you wear a name tag, it sends the message: "I am open to sharing myself with you."

- *Name tags can be a bridge to a first conversation, without the awkwardness of having to ask a person's name.

- *If we all wear name tags and you temporarily forget somebody's name, you won't feel tempted to avoid that person.

- *Name tags may help us to put names, faces and conversations together so that we can build first encounters into relationships.

These seemingly small social nuances may play a big role in knitting our church family together.

Soon we will be welcoming a new pastor to share our journey. Imagine how much more easily and comfortably she will be able to get to know us when we wear our name tags and proclaim, "We are open to sharing ourselves with you!"



Deacons' Corner

The deacons hope this Name Tag Campaign will be the one that sticks! There are so many good reasons to make wearing them a habit! We will start by calling October "Wear Your Name Tag Month" so that we can get into practice before our new pastor's arrival. The deacons will be encouraging everybody, including our kids, to wear name tags. If you don't have one or forget yours we will have plenty of paper ones on hand. We will also start a list of people who don't have permanent name tags so that Phyllis can print them up. (You can even decorate yours if you would like to!)

That little name tag may be more than just plastic and a name. It may be God calling your whole being into action when you come to church on Sunday morning!

--Shelley Griffith



Pastoral Search Team

As chairperson for the Pastoral Search Committee, I want to thank the Old South congregation for their overwhelming vote of support for the candidate, Reverend Marrison Kettell, whom the Search Committee unanimously selected to call as our Pastor. The Call Weekend was a busy one. Reverend Marrison was able to meet with many of you in small group settings beginning on Friday evening and continuing on Saturday and after our church meeting on Sunday. She will be joining us on Sunday, December 2, to celebrate the Advent Season and continue on as our Pastor. The members of the Transition Committee and the Search Committee appreciate your warm welcome of Reverend Marrison and your prayerful support of the committee members as we worked through this spiritual and up-lifting process.

Blessings, Marilyn Hylan, Chairperson of the Search Committee



News and Upcoming Events



**DON'T
FORGET...**

October Committee and Group Meetings

Christian Education	To be determined
Deacons' Meeting	Sunday, Oct. 14, Matthew Room following worship
Executive Council	Wednesday, Oct. 3, Church Office at 6:00 pm
Financial Trustees	Tuesday, Oct. 9, Church Office at 5:30 pm
Outreach, Justice, Witness	Tuesday, Oct. 9, Matthew Room at 6:30 pm
Property Trustees	Tuesday, Oct. 16, Church Office at 6:00 pm
Staff Meeting	Tuesday, Oct. 10, HMH at 10:15 am

Did you miss signups for Small Dinner Groups? It isn't too late to take part! Contact Phyllis in the church office to learn more or to get involved with a group. Small Dinner Groups provide an opportunity to get together and socialize with six-to-eight other Old Southerners once a month or so during the program year. The groups meet either at Church building or in your home. The host provides the main course and the others bring side dishes and dessert. If you have questions or want to sign up to participate, please contact Phyllis soon!

(Phyllis@farmingtonucc.org or 778-0424)



The next Retirees Lunch will be shared at Noon in the Vestry on **Monday, October 1**. Please mark your calendars and join us for lunch! For more information, contact Dick Giard at 897-6228.

The deadline for the November Telstar issue is October 10. Please have all submissions to Phyllis in the church office by this deadline. Thank you.



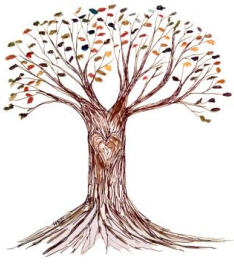
News & Upcoming Events



A Time to Say Farewell

Please join us for worship on Sunday, October 28, to celebrate Rev. Linda's time of ministry with us and to say farewell to her. We will mark this transition during worship, and we will present Linda with a token of our gratitude. After worship, we will continue our farewell celebration with a special coffee hour hosted in Linda's honor by members of the Transition Team. If you would like to contribute to the gift, you may drop a check into the offering baskets (please mark on the memo line "Hatch gift") or bring your donation to the church office (Tuesday through Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm). We hope to see you there!





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French Canadian Trio To Bring Soul Food To Old South

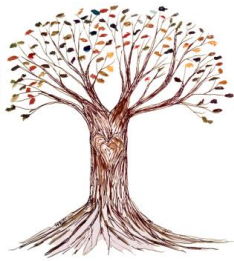
The next concert is Thursday, November 1st and will feature French Canadian trio, Bon Debarras. The Montreal-based trio's name roughly translates into "Good Riddance." Bon Débarras spokesperson Jean-Francoise Dumas patiently explains that the choice of their quirky moniker was based on two things. "Bon Débarras has two meanings. One is 'good riddance' and good riddance is about getting rid of sorrow, anger and all negative energy. We let it go when we play music. We let it out. Also in French, débarras is a place to keep old stuff you don't want to get rid of. We are like a storage closet where we can go and find traditional influences and inspiration." Doors open at 6 pm, jam session kicks off at 6:15 pm with Bon Debarras will take the stage at 7 pm. Admission: Adults \$15, Students \$10/\$5. Refreshments available by donation. Ticket reservations are recommended by calling 207-491-5919.

If you are interested in volunteering or able to help provide refreshments contact Debbie Davis-Robinson, Hallie Yorks or Brenda Scribner. Church proceeds benefit the Capital Campaign Fund.



It's the harvest supper.
Come gather with us.

The annual Harvest Supper will be held on Saturday, November 3. Mark your calendars and join us for a meal with turkey and all the sides at Old South. Proceeds benefit our youth attending Pilgrim Lodge each summer. If you can provide a pie, real butter sticks, cider, stuffing, butternut squash, rolls, potatoes, turkeys and/or ham, or cash contributions to support this meal, please see Brenda Scribner at the Fundraising Table on Sundays or email her at tatabug47@hotmail.com We will also need helping hands the day of the meal for a variety of jobs including room set up, preparing food, serving, and clean up. Thank you!



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Prayer Shawls Update

Thanks to the generous donation of a cabinet from John Demers Lindner, the Prayer Shawl Ministry has a new place for keeping the blessed prayer shawls. The cabinet is set up in a corner of the Matthew Room.

Prayer shawls are available for anyone in need of comfort or healing, or to celebrate a major event. Please see the pastor, Phyllis Pederson, or Myrna Vallette to request a shawl.

For more information on Old South's Prayer Shawl Ministry, including guidelines and patterns, contact Myrna Vallette at 778-4387 or myrna.vallette@gmail.com.

Thank you, John!

Women's Retreat

On a beautiful late summer weekend (August 25 – 27), 17 Old South women met at the Marie Joseph Spiritual Retreat Center in Biddeford Pool for our annual Women's Retreat. Our theme this year was "Staying Connected to God through Scripture, Prayer, Mindfulness, Gratitude, and Delight". Our discussions, art work, singing, and relaxing were enhanced by the beautiful seaside location; beach walking, swimming, wading, and the constant murmur of the tide. We deepened our awareness of God's presence among us as well as our friendships with one another.

Next year's retreat will be August 24 – 26 at the same location. Please save the date and consider joining us for a Saturday through Monday time of renewal, relaxation, and fun.





Mission & Outreach

Outreach, Justice and Witness will be meeting in the Matthew Room at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, Oct. 9. 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.



Food Closet Item of the Month: Pasta and Pasta Sauce
Outreach, Justice and Witness invite you to bring donations of these items and other nonperishable food and toiletry items to donate to the local food closet. You may bring items to the church, and all will be delivered to Care and Share. Thank you for your continuing support of Care and Share Food Pantry.



Bread for the World Sunday - Oct. 21

Bread for the World Sunday is an opportunity for our church to join with others—in thousands of churches across the country—to live out God's vision of a world without hunger. Through our prayers for an end to hunger, letters, and phone calls to our nation's leaders, and financial support to Bread of the World, we can give bold witness to God's justice and mercy in the world.

This year, Bread for the World Sunday will take place as the midterm elections approach. The outcome of those elections could have huge implications for people struggling with hunger and poverty all over the world. This is a moment when we can come together to pray for those who struggle with hunger—and rededicate ourselves to advocate for legislation that will help achieve the international goal of ending hunger by 2030.

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus tells his disciples that, "with God all things are possible." (Mark 10: 27). In this spirit of God-given possibility, we invite your prayers and your actions for an end to hunger.

Please join Outreach Justice and Witness as we recognize Bread for the World Sunday in worship, followed by letter writing in the vestry. All information and materials will be provided so that you can write letters to Senators and Representatives from Maine, while enjoying a bread coffee hour.



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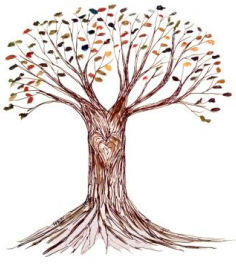
Community Luncheon

We have now begun our 16th year of the Community Luncheon Ministry, bringing nutritious meals to folks in the Farmington area. As we begin this year, we are refreshed and re-energized, knowing that we make a difference in people's lives. We find, again and again, that people utilize our Luncheon to supplement a perhaps shaky food budget, or to enjoy a meal that they don't have to prepare, or just to come to our church to enjoy some fellowship around the table.

For our September meal, we served about 150 meals of roast pork loin, rice pilaf, green beans, biscuits, and cake. It is a delight for us to once again have God's Kitchen Crew providing us with the cakes that we serve. The October Luncheon will feature a hearty chicken stew, served with a biscuit, and cake for dessert.

We are always in need of folks to come on the day of the meal to help with setting up tables, serving meals, and cleaning up. We had a few new people come help us in September and we would love to see a few more new faces. The best thing about helping with the Luncheons is there is no "long term commitment." You can come pitch in anytime, and you can do that once, or every month. We would love to see you. And if you aren't able to come help, then please, just come and enjoy a good meal and some good fellowship around the table.

Stan Wheeler
Rocell Marcellino, Co-chairs



Mission & Outreach



Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the [Council for American Indian Ministry \(CAIM\)](#). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

We will receive this special offering on **October 7, 2018** as part of World Communion Sunday observance.



Fundraising



Fundraising News

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, in the church office or at unitedscrip.com It's not too early to consider your holiday shopping!

Please note, the Fundraising Table will not be available on Sunday, October 28, as we will use the full space for celebration of Rev. Linda's ministry with us.



Did you know that if you shop on Amazon, you can benefit Old South Church at the same time? There's no cost to you and once you choose Old South as your charity, there's nothing else you need to do. Simply go to smile.amazon.com and click select on First Congregational of Farmington! Thank you.

The Fundraising Calendar for the coming months includes the Harvest Supper on Nov. 3, a November Capital Campaign Fundraising concert with Bob Debarra on Nov. 1, and a EcuHeat Concert fundraiser featuring Coig on Dec. 4.



Children & Youth

As we move into autumn, it's time for us to consider how we can help families in need during the holiday season. This year, the Sunday School children will not be assembling 50 baskets of food for the Care and Share Food Pantry---we've been alerted by the pantry that it will no longer be providing traditional Thanksgiving baskets to their clients.

And yet, as the former project fades, a fresh new one will emerge. The Sunday School will embark on a new mission project, one that continues to think of local families on tight budgets, but also one that meshes with Old South programs already in place. The Christian Education Committee will finalize plans soon. So, please stay tuned for details of our upcoming new mission work.

Sunday School

This fall, our Sunday School lessons feature Old Testament stories that show us, time and time again, how God is always with us. In September, we heard about David and Goliath. This month, we'll learn about Jonah and the whale, as well as two action-packed stories from the Book of Daniel--including three faithful young men spared from a fiery furnace, and Daniel himself spending a night in a lion's den.

Once again, we welcome back our two incredibly talented Teacher Assistants---Abby McCarthy and Jess Cloutier. We hope to have a third UMF student also serving as a TA by the end of the month. Stay tuned!

BBC

Coat & Cupboard is once again ready to roll open its doors and welcome the community! Instead of lessons, we'll spend our morning on October 7 offering coats, boots, and more. For the rest of the month, we'll be continuing our study of the Gospel of John. Get your Sharpies ready!



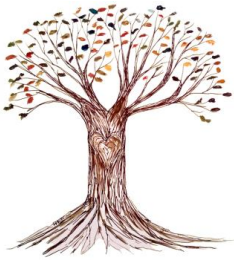
God's Kitchen Crew- The Pumpkin Bowling Tradition Continues

It just wouldn't be October if we weren't rolling a pumpkin or two around in the Vestry. And, of course, we will be baking those cakes for the Community Luncheon. We meet up Wednesday, October 10, from 3:00 pm to 4:45 pm. Bring along a friend!

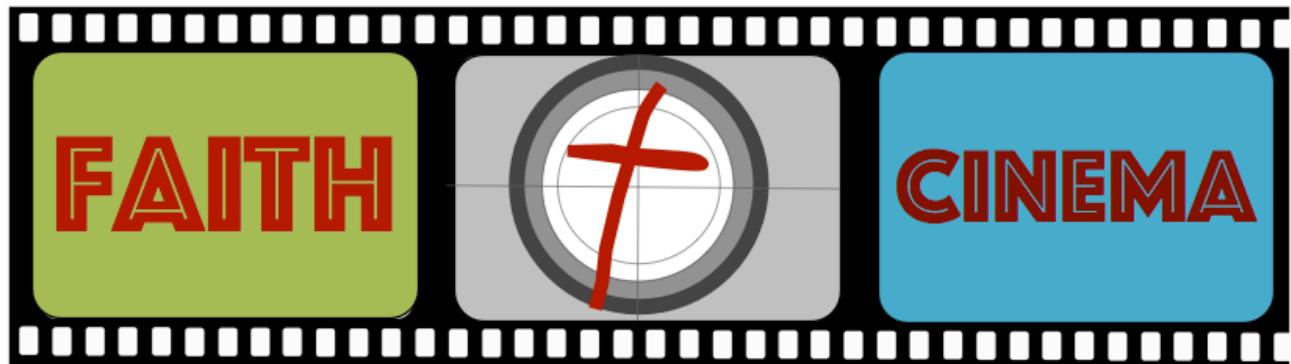
For kids grades 2-5

Wednesday Oct. 10

3:00 pm to 4:45 pm



Children & Youth



Faith & Cinema

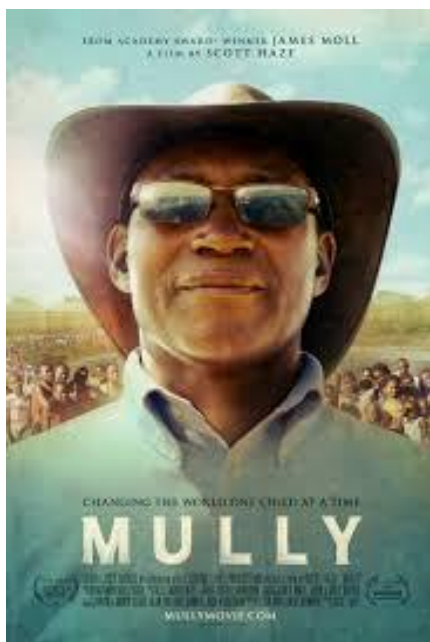
It's a true rags-to-riches story with the most unusual of twists: Charles Mully is a Kenyan orphan who achieves wealth and privilege, then answers God's call to do the most unexpected of things with his riches. Realistic and inspirational, *Mully* (2017) challenges us to open ourselves to the possibilities that can happen when we allow God to touch our lives. Rotten Tomato viewers bestowed it with a 94% positive rating, calling it "astonishing," and "a powerful, focused documentary". The Christian Alliance for Orphans writes, "Ultimately, *Mully* helps us see that any aspiration that does not account for God's power is far too small."

Once again, we'll split the film between two Sundays, October 21 and 28. We begin with a potluck meal in the Matthew Room, with time for discussion and response. Parent advisory: This film does contain reenactments of domestic violence and discussions of a rape, as well as news clips from actual street violence in Kenya.

For adults and students in grades 9 and above

Oct. 21 and 28

6 - 8 pm





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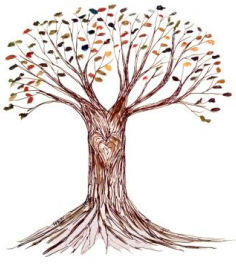


The Pancakery

We continue our delicious mission project--a “pop up cafe” to serve free brunch to our community. Twice this month, we offer soups, quiche, and pizza panini, and of course, pancakes! Plus, we’ll have our barista serving up cappuccinos, and live acoustic music from talented local musicians.

Pancakery Staff: students in grades 5 – 9 Sunday, October 14 and 28 11:00 - 1:00 pm





Children & Youth

Bread for Benefit

We sell bread just once this month--October 21. We'll offer our usual best-sellers--including herb and cheese--but we might just add a "special" seasonal flavor as well! Youth Group: please check the "Bread Sched" for who's up for food prep, selling, and dishwashing.

Share Your Joy: Special Project Sundays

It's an easy way to make a big difference in a child's life: help out with Sunday School "special projects" at Old South. Do you like crafts and art? Silly games? Cooking? Simple mission programs? The Christian Education Committee is looking for volunteers who'd be willing to assist with special projects and events throughout the year. Please contact Jodie at Jodie@FarmingtonUCC.org or Arin Hilton at Arinhilton@gmail.com.

How Do I Find Out More?

Don't miss a single youth activity! Sign up for our email newsletter, "Old South Kids This Week," to receive updates, news, photos, and more. Just send a note to Jodie@FarmingtonUCC.org. We also post regularly on Facebook; new this fall--dedicated Facebook pages to The Pancakery, Coat & Cupboard, and Old South Teens.

October 2018 Youth Programs Calendar

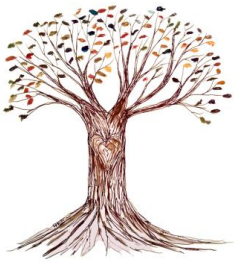
Sunday, Oct. 7: Sunday School; BBC is at Coat & Cupboard (Youth Group: Please arrive at 8:30 am to help open the "shop"). No evening youth group.

Wed. Oct. 10: God's Kitchen Crew (3:00 - 4:45 pm)

Oct. 14: Sunday School and BBC lessons; Pancakery 11:00 am - 1:00 pm; Youth Group at 6:30 pm (at church)

Oct. 21: Sunday School and BBC lessons; Bread for Benefit; Faith & Cinema Part 1 (6 - 8 pm)

October 28: Sunday School and BBC lessons; Pancakery 11:00 am - 1:00 pm; Faith & Cinema Part 2 (6 - 8 pm)



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 for this month here:

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 7, 2018	<u>Job 1:1, 2:1-10</u> <u>Psalm 26</u>	<u>Genesis 2:18-24</u> <u>Psalm 8</u>	<u>Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12</u>	<u>Mark 10:2-16</u>
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost October 14, 2018	<u>Job 23:1-9, 16-17</u> <u>Psalm 22:1-15</u>	<u>Amos 5:6-7, 10-15</u> <u>Psalm 90:12-17</u>	<u>Hebrews 4:12-16</u>	<u>Mark 10:17-31</u>
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost October 21, 2018	<u>Job 38:1-7, (34-41)</u> <u>Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c</u>	<u>Isaiah 53:4-12</u> <u>Psalm 91:9-16</u>	<u>Hebrews 5:1-10</u>	<u>Mark 10:35-45</u>
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost October 28, 2018	<u>Job 42:1-6, 10-17</u> <u>Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)</u>	<u>Jeremiah 31:7-9</u> <u>Psalm 126</u>	<u>Hebrews 7:23-28</u>	<u>Mark 10:46-52</u>



Music and Worship



InnerRhythm

Rhythm-lovers are welcome to come join us Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Newman Wing. In addition to playing the tambourine and the tar, we have a healthy collection of hand percussion to add to the ensemble. Instruction is included! To learn more, contact any one of us: Fran Addicott, Mardy Bogar, Karyl Condit, Sherry Jenckes, Sheri Leahan, Donna Wheeler.



Join the Choir!

Adult Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the Matthew Room. Although previous experience with choral music is helpful, all are welcome to join Patricia and Bruce for an exciting and challenging year ahead. So get the rust off your vocal pipes and come along to join the fun by raising your voice in songs of praise to Almighty God!

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



Living Water Association: Members of United Church of Christ in Kennebec and Franklin Counties joined together for an outdoor worship service at Kineowatha Park in Wilton on Sunday, Sept. 23. Special thanks to Bruce McInnes for leading the choir, Patricia Hayden for serving as the accompanist, and to InnerRhythm for offering special music. The spring meeting of the Living Water Association will be on Sunday, May 5 at our church in Farmington. Following the meeting at 2:00 pm, you are invited to attend a Service of Installation to celebrate the calling of The Rev. Mairaine Kettell as the settled minister of the First Congregational Church of Farmington, Living Water Association, United Church of Christ.



Maine Conference United Church of Christ

The Maine Conference Annual Meeting's theme is Spirit ~ Stories ~ Love and it will be held on October 27, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM at the First Parish Congregational Church in Saco, Maine. To learn more about the Maine Conference or the Annual Meeting of the Maine Conference, visit their website at www.maineucc.org

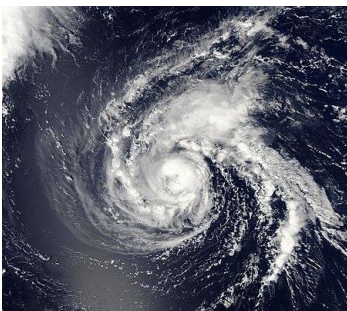


UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

UCC assists Maine congregation serving asylum seekers from around the world



A congregation in Portland, Maine, which serves asylum-seekers from around the world, has been sent a grant from the United Church of Christ to help further its ministry. Williston-Immanuel United Church (WIUC), a 2011 merger of the Williston-West United Church of Christ and the Immanuel Baptist Church, offers food and financial assistance three Thursday mornings a month to an ever growing number of asylum seekers who have found their way to Maine to start a better life. Alison Barker coordinates WIUC's Community Assistance program. "This church seems to a destination for many because we have been able to offer limited financial aid. I consider it humanitarian aid," she said. "We recognize that many of our 'Thursday morning guests' fled for their lives, responding to traumas in their homelands, hoping to land in a safe place. There is no denying the importance of food and shelter. However, these people cannot meaningfully rebuild their lives in this foreign land without having phone access and bus transportation. We offer empowerment and dignity as these new Mainers seek to become established, contributing members of our community. We are grateful for the support we receive so that we can offer compassionate care that says 'We are the church.'" To learn more, please the story is available here: http://www.ucc.org/news_ucc_assists_maine_congregation_serving_asylum_seekers_from_around_the_world_08242018



UCC Disaster Ministries are responding

Last week Hurricane Florence roared ashore in the US Carolinas. Also Super Typhoon Mangkut created devastation in the Philippines, Hong Kong and China, and other parts of Asia. Learn more and donate:

http://www.ucc.org/hurricanes_2018_ucc_response?utm_campaign=hurricanerelief_091418&utm_medium=email&utm_source=unitedchurchofchrist

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."



Get Connected

OLD SOUTH CHURCH

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WORSHIP: 9:30 AM SUNDAYS

OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Tuesday through Thursday



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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.

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 12:00pm Retirees Lunch (Vestry) 6:00pm Buddhist Group (Newman Wing)	2 5:30pm InnerRhythm (Chapel)	3 6:00pm Executive Council (Church Office) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Matthew Room)	4 2:00pm Just Friends (Chapel)	5	6
7 8:30am Coat & Cupboard (HMH Carriage House) 9:30am Worship with Neighbors in Need Special Offering and Communion (Sanctuary) 9:30am Farmington Friends (HMH Gathering Room)	8 6:00pm Buddhist Group (Newman Wing)	9 5:30pm Financial Trustees (Church Office) 5:30pm InnerRhythm (Chapel) 6:30pm Outreach, Justice, Witness (Matthew Room)	10 10:30am Staff Meeting (Church Office) 3:00pm God's Kitchen Crew (Kitchen, Vestry) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Matthew Room) 11:00pm November Telstar Deadline (Church Office)	11	12 1:00pm Bereavement Support Group (Matthew Room)	13 12:00pm Community Lunch (Kitchen, Vestry)
14 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 9:30am Farmington Friends (HMH Gathering Room) 11:00am Deacons (Matthew Room) 11:30am Pancakery (Kitchen, Vestry) 6:00pm Youth Group (Matthew Room)	15 6:00pm Buddhist Group (Newman Wing)	16 5:30pm InnerRhythm (Chapel) 6:00pm Property Trustees (Matthew Room)	17 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Matthew Room)	18	19	20 10:00am MESOM Meeting (Matthew Room)
21 9:30am Farmington Friends (HMH Gathering Room) 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00am Bread for the World Offering of Letters (Vestry) 11:00am Bread for Benefit (Vestry) 6:00pm Faith and Cinema (Matthew Room)	22 6:00pm Buddhist Group (Newman Wing)	23 5:30pm InnerRhythm (Chapel)	24 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Matthew Room)	25	26 1:00pm Bereavement Support Group (Matthew Room)	27 5:00pm Upward Bound (Vestry)
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