



Hampden Highland Highlights

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Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2 NRSV

Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up.
~Jesse Jackson

Who was Susanna Wesley?

Mother of Methodism

By Anne Adams Part 5 of 6

<http://www.historyswomen.com/womenoffaith/SusannahWesley.html>



Yet though the family was safe they realized the fire had destroyed not just the house but also all the contents including family papers and Samuel's library. The rectory was rebuilt but while it was under construction the family was separated by staying with various relatives.

To manage such a large household and properly educate her children Susanna established a definite routine for her household and family, aiming to help each child learn, mature and develop Christian character. At a time when severe physical punishment was a standard part of education Susanna's policy was "strength guided by kindness." She gave each child individual attention by purposely setting aside a regular time for each of them. Later John wrote his mother fondly remembering his special time with her.

In 1711 Samuel's absence and Susanna's attempts to meet the spiritual needs of her family caused another family difficulty. Samuel was attending a long church conference leaving his pulpit in charge of another minister, a Mr. Inman. However, the man proved a poor choice since his almost constant sermon topic was paying one's debts when he owed many. Some saw this as a slap at Samuel.

Since there were no afternoon church services, Susanna began an evening family gathering where they sang psalms, prayed and Susanna read a short sermon from her husband's library. It began with the family and the servants but soon word spread and others neighbors appeared, and soon there were too many for the parsonage. Susanna had written her husband of what she was doing, but then in his own letter when he perhaps saw the services as competition, Mr. Inman complained to Samuel. His claim to Samuel was that such irregular services could cause criticism or even scandal for the church. For while women have been ordained in many Methodist churches for more than 50 years at that time the idea of a woman having any part in a worship service – even in her own home – was unheard of. Samuel suggested to Susanna that she have someone else read the sermons, but still Mr. Inman complained and finally Samuel told Susanna to discontinue the meetings. However, she declined as she described how the meetings were a genuine and effective ministry to those who attended and that Mr. Inman was about the only one who'd objected. The services continued.

To be continued...

BIBLE READINGS

November 1st
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
 Isaiah 25:6-9
 Revelation 21:1-6a
 John 11:32-44

October 8th
24th Sunday after Pentecost
 Exodus 3:13-15
 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, 39-12:2
 Matthew 1:1-17

November 15th
25th Sunday after Pentecost
 Genesis 38:1-30
 Matthew 1:1,3

November 22nd
Christ the King Sunday
 Hebrews 11:29:31
 Matthew 1:5a
 Joshua 2:1-15; 6:22-25

October 29th
1st Sunday of Advent
 Ruth 1:1-19a; 2:1-6
 Ruth 4:7-17
 Matthew 1:, 5b-6a

Hampden Highlands Annual Christmas Fair

Our annual **Christmas Fair** is scheduled for November 21, 2015 from 8am – 2pm at 44 Kennebec rd, Hampden, ME 04444.

Wreathes – decorated & Shipped. Crafts, vegetables, jams/yellies, baked goods, children's room, silent auction, ladies fancy works, breakfast & Lunch, cheese wheel, homemade Christmas Tree Ornaments.

Check it out!

Life in a Jar: The Irena Sendler Story

It's a story of courage in a time of war and how 2500 children's lives were saved during the Holocaust.

Sunday, November 8th, 2015

1:00 pm and 5:00 pm

Hampden Academy Performing Arts Center

89 Western Avenue, Hampden, ME

The play is offered **FREE OF CHARGE** to the public in order to share this inspirational story and to add the general consciousness of our community.

For more information, call 852-2011



Soup Sunday's

Nurture Committee is putting "**Soup Sundays**" for Fellowship on the calendar for the colder weather coming up. Anyone in the congregation who would like to contribute soup or stew may do so.

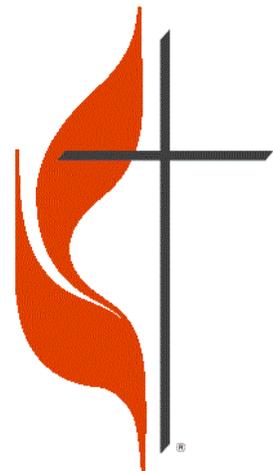
If you would like to help out, *please write your name on* *the red sign-up sheet that is next to the kitchen door in the Fellowship Hall* and bring your food in on the morning you signed up for.

November 1st - Communion Sunday
December 6th - All Church Meeting
January 3rd - Communion Sunday
February 7th - Communion Sunday
March 6th - Communion Sunday

Heartfelt thanks

He who thanks but with the lips thanks but in part;
the full, the true
Thanksgiving
comes from the heart.

—J.A. Shedd



Worship Assistants for November

Sunday, November 1st

Communion Stewards: Sharon Bellerose, Tammy & Jim Howes
Lector: Kelly Santiago
Acolytes: Simon Thomas
Greeter: Kathy Gallupe & Jim Tatgenhorst
Usher: Thomas Family
Counters: Darla King & Kathy Gallupe
Fellowship: Finance

Sunday School-

Pre-K/Kinder: Joyce
1-4: Kalina
5-8: Tom
Nursery Assistant: Greg Urban

Sunday, November 8th

Lector: Deanna Philbrick
Acolytes: Lydia Hanish
Greeter: Noel & Laurie March
Usher: Darla King & Jay Willey
Counters: Gloria Lee & Angela Damboise
Fellowship: Memorials

Sunday School-

Pre-K/Kinder: Joyce
1-4: Tom
5-8: Jessie
Nursery Assistant: Julie Urban

Sunday, November 15th

Lector: Heidi Ravenscraft
Acolytes: Sairah & Emma Damboise
Greeter: Vicky Davis & Jeanne Stratton
Usher: TBD
Counters: Jay Willey & Gloria Lee
Fellowship: Worship

Sunday School-

Pre-K/Kinder: Joyce
1-4: Heidi
5-8: Laura O.
Nursery Assistant: Marvie

Sunday, November 22st

Lector: Virginia Ledford
Acolytes: Simon Thomas
Greeter: Elaine Lewis
Usher: Dave Bishop & Chuck McMahan
Counters: Gloria Lee & Marilyn Boulrier
Fellowship: Nurture

Sunday School-

Pre-K/Kinder: Joyce
1-4: Celeste
5-8: Tom
Nursery Assistant: Chris H.

Sunday, November 29th

Lector: Leanne Bishop
Acolytes: Simon Thomas
Greeter: Barb Packard & Jessie Davis
Usher: Anne & Jim Tatgenhorst
Counters: Darla King & Gloria Lee
Fellowship: Outreach

Sunday School-

Pre-K/Kinder: Joyce
1-4: David B.
5-8: TBD
Nursery Assistant: Lynette G.

We Gather
Together



A saintly party

A priest told the children of his parish they could come trick-or-treating at the rectory, but only if they dressed up as a saint. So a group arrived on the eve of All Saints' Day: one dressed as St. Anthony, one as St. Joseph, another in a St. Clare costume — and then a child dressed as a dog.

“My boy,” exclaimed the priest, “you were supposed to come as a saint.”

“I did!” replied the child. “I’m St. Bernard.”

On God's Side

Ever been picked last for a team? Eugene Peterson recounts feeling like a “liability” when this happened to him. In *Run With the Horses* (IVP Books), he says God always wants us on his side — no matter our individual strengths or weaknesses:

“For a long time all Christians called each other ‘saints.’ They were all saints regardless of how well or badly they lived, of how experienced or inexperienced they were. The word saint did not refer to the quality or virtue of their acts, but to the kind of life to which they had been chosen, life on a battlefield. It was not a title given after a spectacular performance, but a mark of whose side they were on.”

Based on its Latin roots, saint is the noun form of the verb consecrate; in other words, Peterson adds, God gave us “spiritual shape” even before we had “biological shape” (see Jeremiah 1:5). Even before forming us, God set us apart, or consecrated us, as saints — and chose us to be on his side.

Life lessons from the Landfill

by Gary Melville, Director of Development, United Methodist Foundation of New England

Saturday was Hazardous Waste Day in Methuen. It was hazardous “useful” stuff when I bought it: wood stains, fluorescent light bulbs, insecticides, fiberglass resin. Not to mention the two gallon container of mixed gas and oil I can’t use because the new lawn mower is a four stroke engine and uses just gas. I wasn’t concerned with the hazard nature of the stuff when it served a purpose, but once it was not helpful, keeping this stuff became an issue. I did not want it leaking or being misused in the future. The thought that I was responsible for this hazardous waste was weighing on me. I could not wait for the opportunity to properly dispose of this stuff that was in my basement. So I loaded up the car and went to the Landfill Transfer Station where Clean Harbors was accepting our hazard waste. Dressed in protective white jumpsuits, the workers unloaded our cars and sorted the waste into various containers. It was quick, and even better – it was free! It was a relief to have this hazardous stuff out of the house and out of my life. Who knew good stewardship could bring you peace of mind.

I’m sure others have thought of this, but I started thinking of other kinds of hazardous waste in my life that I have stored within me; toxic stuff that leaks into my heart and mind. I’m responsible for the proper disposal of this waste as well. I had to go searching in the basement, under the workbench for cans of old stains and other hazardous stuff. It wasn’t pleasant, it was dirty and not without spiders. To find the hazardous waste in my life, I have to go deep inside as well. Trust me, I could use a good cleaning, and I have my own kind of spiders. The Landfill does take this kind of waste. I could hire a good therapist to help dispose of the junk. I choose, however, to go to church. There is a person there who takes my hazardous, toxic waste without charge. I just have to lay it down at the Cross. Jesus, dressed in white, accepts and properly disposes of my hazardous waste. What a relief to have it out of my life. Talk about good stewardship bringing peace of mind. For years I have thought about stewardship in terms of presenting my gift. As I have grown in my thinking, I see that I am presenting my whole self. And what a gift it is to leave my hazardous waste at the Altar.



For Your Information

Special dates

- All Saints’ Day, *November 1, 2015*
- Daylight-Saving Time ends, *November 1, 2015*
- Veterans Day, *November 11, 2015*
- Christ the King Sunday, *November 22, 2015*
- Thanksgiving, *November 26, 2015*
- First Sunday of Advent, *November 29, 2015*

Calling all youths that are 8 years old or older who are interested in being an **acolyte**. Please contact Chris Henderson at 862-5506.

*Let us come
before him with
thanksgiving.*
Psalms 95:2, NIV

December 2015						
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We are looking for some substitutes workers for the nursery. Please let both Isabella Urban and the office know if you are interested. Young people must be sophomores or older and taken the Red Cross Babysitting Class and/or child first aid & CPR. Adults are welcome, they will also need First Aid and CPR and an recent background check.



Dear Saints,

For the last couple of weeks, we have been struggling to fix the toilet in one of the first floor restrooms at the Church. Several folks plunged it, to no avail! One member snaked it, again without success! A plumber was called, snaked the toilet, and it again... well, no words are pleasant. Nothing seemed to work. Finally, the plumber again came, removed the whole toilet, and found a vodka bottle in the trap. We don't know for sure who flushed it, but I can only imagine it was someone who was deeply ashamed of having it! Thankfully, today, the toilet is working (though you do need to hold the lever, I'm told).

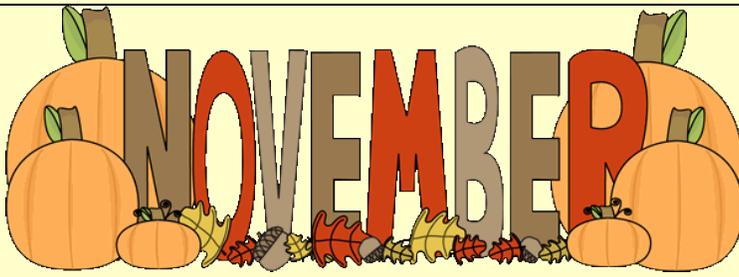
This Sunday, November 1, is All Saints' Day. This year, our celebration falls on the morning after we "Fall Back" with our clocks at the end of Halloween festivities. All Saints' Day, beginning with All Hallows' Eve (Halloween) is a bridge between past and present—between those who have lived and died in Christ and those who are today living in Christ. While the make-up and costumes for All Saints are far less fantastic and exciting than our secularized Halloween fun, being a Saint is serious business! Not only is All Saints serious, it's *real* in a way most of us would never wish Halloween to be. Saintliness is real—but not just in others, also as the purpose for us as Christians.

All Saints' is important for United Methodists precisely because we are "holiness people." The emphasis we in the Wesleyan tradition offer the Body of Christ is holiness, saintliness—not as a rare and unreachable goal, but as a this-worldly expectation. We believe that the Holy Spirit can transform broken sinners like you and me into saints—those who are "going on to perfection," who expect "to be made perfect in love in this lifetime." Saints aren't born, they're made—to use Christian language, saints are "born again," and usually not just once-and-done, but on a continual, ongoing basis. We are invited to be made into God's holy people, and to be grafted into Jesus' family tree.

I'm very glad we are celebrating All Saints' on All Saints' Day this year, and that this celebration kicks off our 7 week Advent where we will be focusing on Matthew 1:1-17 and how Jesus' roots are ours as well. While a genealogy may not sound like an exciting chapter of scripture, it's powerful in Matthew's Gospel. He uses these verses to subvert expectations—to remind his readers of difficult, earthy, real life stories of Jesus' ancestors—of the people who followed God (though often imperfectly), and of people who harbored great brokenness, guilt, shame and sin. We will be focusing on the stories surrounding the unexpected women and the role they play in our family story as Christians.

Reflecting on that broken toilet—and on the vodka bottle—I can't help but wonder what kind of guilt and shame someone was trying to hide at 44 Kennebec Road. I don't know what's in your family story—or your personal story for that matter—but I do know this: If God could bring Jesus out of his family story—if the Savior of the World could be born to one more woman of questionable standing (in the eyes of his world), and of great holiness (in the eyes of God), then the same God can make Saints out of you and me. For that, I am forever thankful!

In Christ's Service with You,
The Rev. David Nicol, Pastor of Hampden Highlands UMC



Please note: Anything in *italics* takes place at *Ellingwood's Corner UMC*, 796 Lebanon Rd. in Winterport. You can call 223-2240 for more info.

November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>9:00 am –Worship</i> 9 am – Bible Study 10 am - Worship Worship Committee 11:30 am Daylight-Saving Time ends	2	3 Office Hours: 11am-2:45pm	4 Office Hours: 11am-2:45pm SPRC 6:30 pm	5 Office Hours: 11am-2:45pm 5:30 pm Bell Choir 7pm Voice Choir	6 Office Hours: 11am-2:45pm	7
8 <i>9:00 am –Worship</i> 9 am – Bible Study 10 am - Worship	9	10 Office Hours: 11am-2:45pm	11 Office Hours: 11am-2:45pm Veterans Day	12 Office Hours: 11am-2:45pm	13 Office Hours: 11am-2:45pm	14
15 <i>9 am –Worship</i> 9 am – Bible Study 10 am - Worship Trustees Meeting 11:30 am Evening Worship 6:30 pm	16	17 Office Hours: 11am-2:45pm	18 Office Hours: 11am-2:45pm Finance Meeting 6:30 pm	19 Office Hours: 11am-2:45pm 5:30 pm Bell Choir 7pm Voice Choir	20 Office Hours: 11am-2:45pm	21 Christmas Fair 8am – 2pm
22 <i>9 am –Worship</i> 9 am – Bible Study 10 am - Worship	23	24 Office Hours: 11am-2:45pm	25 Office Hours: 11am-2:45pm	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29 <i>9:00 am –Worship</i> 9 am – Bible Study 10 am - Worship 1st Advent	30	1 Office Hours: 11am-2:45pm	2 Office Hours: 11am-2:45pm	3 Office Hours: 11am-2:45pm 5:30 pm Bell Choir 7pm Voice Choir	4 Office Hours: 11am-2:45pm	5

**“You can do more than pray, after you have prayed,
but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed.”**

—John Bunvan



Birthdays

- 11/01 Prescott, Eleanor
- 11/05 Lester, Nicole
- 11/08 Saunders, Lynn
- 11/11 Bellerose, Samantha
- 11/13 Ravenscraft, Heidi
- 11/13 Whinery, Joshua
- 11/14 Bowden, Dante
- 11/17 Bacon, Jean
- 11/17 Allen, Donna
- 11/17 Nelson, Monica
- 11/17 Damboise, Angela
- 11/17 Whitmore, Cara
- 11/18 Clark, Robert
- 11/22 Whitmore, Deborah
- 11/23 Jenkins, Chelsea
- 11/24 Worster, Carol
- 11/24 Gray, Meaghan
- 11/25 Prescott, Diana
- 11/26 Marsh, Roberta
- 11/26 Taylor-Sockalexis, Jill
- 11/27 Cleaves, Jacob

Have we missed your birthday?
Please let us know by phone or email!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 1st Worship Committee
- Nomination Meeting
- November 4th SPRC
- November 15th Evening Worship
- Trustees Meeting
- November 18th Finance Meeting
- November 21st Christmas Fair



11 am – 2:45 pm Tuesday - Friday

PUZZLE

With all my heart

This Thanksgiving — and every day — let's thank our heavenly Father for all he has done.

Directions: Write the capital letters in order on the lines below to complete Psalm 9:1, NIV.

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PSALM 9:1, NIV

Ellingwood's Corner

Sunday Morning Service 9:00 am.

TOPS meets Thursday's at the Church 11:30 AM.

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly

Book Studies @ Ellingwood's Corner

Every Tuesday Morning from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM a book study using a book by Elizabeth George entitled "A Woman Who Reflects The Heart of Jesus". Led by Debbie Calderwood

Wednesday Evenings from 5:00 PM to 5:45 PM "God Book Club" meets. We are currently doing a study of the Gospel of John. Each session is independent of the other sessions, so missing any of them will not be an issue. All are welcome to join us, bring a notebook and pen. We can order you the book, just let us know. We are using a combination of video and book. Pastor Bob Hartell Jr. is leading the course. If you would like to join us, you may call Bob Hartell @ 947-1094 in Bangor Me.

If you wish to stay after the class, we have a 15 minute break for hot or cold drinks and snacks. Then @ 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM we have a Hymn Singing chosen by those present, then a period of prayer, out promptly at 6:30 PM