



Hampden Highland Highlights

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Our Church Picnic Is Coming Up!!!

June 2016

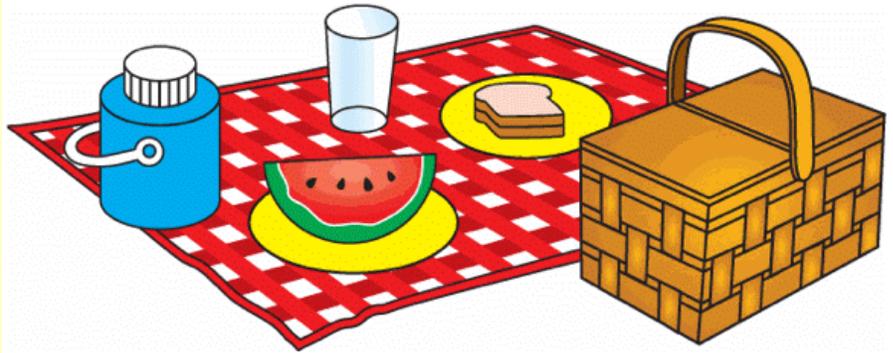
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Colossians 3:12

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience."

"He who has God and everything has no more than he who has God alone."
—C.S. Lewis



Grab your hats and sunscreen as you head to church on **Sunday, June 12th** as it's picnic time! Our church spends a lot of time and energy throughout the year helping others through a variety of activities.

This summer, the Nurture Committee would like to celebrate our Church Family- that's you. We will have a shorter worship service on June 12th and then head outdoors to simply spend time in fellowship with each other.

Bring a blanket or a camp chair and come hang out with us. We will grill burgers and hotdogs, have games and activities for both the kids and adults, and praise God for all that he has blessed us with. Contact Lynette Gauthier, at gauthierl@hermon.net with any questions.

"I believe that what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments, when they aren't trying to teach us. We are formed by little scraps of wisdom."
—Umberto Eco



Bible Readings for June

June 5th
Galatians 1:11-24
Luke 7:11-17

June 12th
Galatians 2:15-21
Luke 7:36-8:3

June 19th
Luke 8:26-39
Galatians 3:23-29

June 26th
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Love's many forms

Joy is love exalted; peace is love in repose; long-suffering is love enduring; gentleness is love in society; goodness is love in action; faith is love on the battlefield; meekness is love in school; and temperance is love in training.

—D.L. Moody

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—Heidi Mann

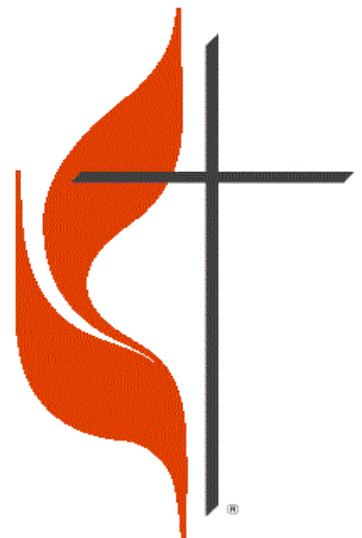
"It is only in the giving of oneself to others that we truly live."

—Ethel Percy Andrus

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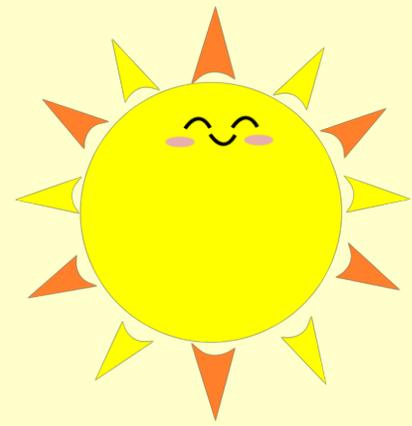
Vacation Bible School would like to serve dinner this year for our kids and helpers!

We will need church members to cook for us. If this is something you can do, please let Jessie know. There are 5 days of free dinners in it for you! VBS is July 31st through August 4th, 5-7 pm.





Worship SCHEDULE Assistance



Sunday, June 5th

Communion Stewards: Anne Tatgenhorst, Tammy & Jim Howes
 Lector: Noel March
 Acolytes: Sairah & Emma Damboise
 Greeter: Jim Tatgenhorst
 Usher: Amy & Grace Clement
 Counters: Darla King & Gloria Lee
 Fellowship: SPRC

Sunday School-

Sunday School: Jessie
 Nursery: TBD

Sunday, June 12th

Lector: Chuck McMahan
 Acolytes: Lydia H. & Simon T.
 Greeter: Noel & Laurie March
 Usher: Jay Willey & Darla King
 Counters: Gloria Lee & Angela Damboise
 Fellowship: Trustees

Sunday School-

Sunday School: Anne T
 Nursery: Jim T

Sunday, June 19th

Lector: Kelly Santiago
 Acolytes: Abraham N & Caleb M.
 Greeter: Elaine Lewis
 Usher: Thomas Family
 Counters: Jay Willey & Gloria Lee
 Fellowship: Christian Ed/Youth

Sunday School-

Sunday School: Laura/ David B
 Nursery: Julie U

Sunday, June 26th

Lector: Tracey Wellman
 Acolytes: Sarah & Emma Damboise
 Greeter: Josh Wellman & Charlene Jones
 Usher: Conner Wellman
 Counters: Gloria Lee & Marilyn Boulier
 Fellowship: Finance

Sunday School-

Sunday School: Kalina Y
 Nursery: Kevin Y

HHUMC'S Church Garden

Summer is upon us and once again we have our very own church garden that the Sunday School kids planted last month! What a great lesson for the kids to plant the seeds that feed our neighbors!!!

Now comes the challenge to all of us this summer to keep it watered.

If you know you are stopping to drop something off at the church this summer I challenge you to turn the hose on and give our garden some water. We do have a few annuals in our flower beds that could also use water. The purple watering can is also available up by the pansies by the side door and the hoses are ready to go. Let's make our gardens grow !
 God Bless and have a Great Summer!
 Laura Osborne

Hi HHUMC!

First, I want to thank you for an amazing two years of working for and with you. I did not expect to leave you this soon, but unexpected circumstances have forced me to resign. Most of you should know that I am a member of the Maine Air National Guard and whereas in my almost 10 year career I have yet to deploy and was even informed that the potential would not be very high, this is changing world and as of right now I was a coming deployment of six months this coming year.

The reason why I am leaving now and not in the spring of 2017 is because the same month I learned about this deployment, my husband has received acceptance to seminary to start his way as a Pastor. He received a scholarship at CLTS, St. Catharines ON, Canada, so our plan is to move there this summer, settle in, have my husband complete his first semester and at the same time find friends and establish a support system for him and my children for the time I will gone. On the upside, my husband will not need to work since my pay will be plenty to cover living expenses on their and my end, which will be limited at best.

I appreciate any prayer some of you may be moved to, for protection, guidance and a clear head with overwhelmed emotions; more for my kids and husband than me. Good thing is that we have Skype and other ways of communicating these days, so I should be able to talk and see my family more than once a week, making these 180 days hopefully quicker and easier for them to bear. Please welcome the new secretary warmly!

Again, thank you!
 Kasandra Radke

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God's plan

God has a plan for every life in Christ Jesus. What a wondrous truth ... and yet how reasonable. Shall the architect draw the plans for his stately palace? Shall the artist sketch the outlines of his masterpiece? Shall the shipbuilder lay down the lines for his colossal ship? And yet shall God have no plan for the soul which he brings into being and puts "in Christ Jesus"? Surely he has.

Yea, for every cloud that floats across the summer sky, for every blade of grass that points its tiny spear heavenward, God has a purpose and a plan. How much more then, for you who are his own in Christ Jesus, does God have a perfect life plan.

—James McConkey



Fatherly guidance

Every man who desires to become a true father has to look continually to the Lord, that he might learn of him how to relate to his own children.

—Sunday Adelaja



Special dates

- Flag Day, *June 14, 2016*
- Father's Day, *June 19, 2016*
- First day of summer, *June 20, 2016*



Summer Music

We welcome you to share your gifts for Worship. A signup sheet is on the door as you go downstairs for Fellowship. Kalina or Tricia would be glad to help facilitate solos or ensembles.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Saints,

In May, from the 10th to the 20th, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church met in Portland, Oregon. For much of that time, I was present as a Reserve Delegate from the New England Annual Conference. I will say, first, my personal hope of seeing us formally adopt the Nicene Creed as one of our Doctrinal Standards did not happen this year. In fact, my expectation that many United Methodists would be less than completely happy with the decisions of the General Conference were affirmed. Having witnessed the process first hand, I believe there was a real attempt to prayerfully and seriously discern the will of God for The UMC by almost all elected participants.

Tensions ran high, and some of that may carry over to Annual Conferences and even some local churches. In the midst, much was accomplished—the General Conference approved a plan for a new Hymnal, this time it should include a core of materials for all churches, and a vetted, digital extension that can be expanded every four years by the General Conference. This will assure we can continue to use the best new music written for Christian worship while making sure the official resources represent theological streams that do not conflict with Wesleyan teaching. The General Conference also improved alignment between our practice of licensing and ordaining clergy and our theology of ordination. Further, we received a draft document on the nature and theology of the Church to be studied and perfected for adoption in 2020.

The most contentious challenge for The United Methodist Church remains human sexuality. For longer than I have been alive, The UMC has been discussing issues of sexuality, and particularly the question of homosexuality in light of biblical, social, psychological and theological thinking. The official position of the church has attempted to parse orientation and behavior (declaring all persons to be of sacred worth, but only affirming sexual relationships within the confines of heterosexual marriage). Stress within the denomination has come particularly around the question of same-sex marriage in our churches and by our clergy (officially prohibited by the *Discipline*), and of ordaining openly gay sexually active individuals. Both those who affirm the current position and want to see it changed have found increasing tension difficult to manage.

This year promised more of the same. By the middle of the second week of General Conference, where the majority of the work was taking place in plenary, the likely passage of further restrictions and penalties for clergy who violated the *Discipline* was high. In an unlikely turn of events, a delegate requested from the floor, endorsed by the General Conference in a vote of support, that the Council of Bishops offer guidance and leadership for The UMC. They agreed, met in council overnight, and drafted a plan that was narrowly endorsed by the General Conference.

The Council of Bishops plan calls for a special Commission to be formed, appointed by the Bishops, with assurance of broad representation across geographic, social, and theological lines. The goal is a complete rewriting of our Disciplinary language about sex and sexuality, with a full report and possible ratification by a special session of General Conference in 2018 or 2019, or by the 2020 General Conference.

I don't want to end with a story of tension—The UMC is far from perfect, as are all earthly bodies. However, in a way that has never before been the case, the 2016 General Conference was truly a global expression of Church. I turned to a fellow member of the New England Delegation at one point, while the presiding Bishop for the plenary session was leading the session in French (he is Swiss, and Resident Bishop for France and North Africa, including Algeria, as well as parts of Southeastern Europe). Debate had seen African delegates speaking French and Portuguese, Russian delegates speaking Russian, and at least one European delegate speaking French as well. The minority of communication was taking place in English, and the matters at hand affected Americans less than many of our sisters and brothers in other contexts! It was a true Pentecost experience (using translators and headsets, instead of miraculous understanding, yes)! In addition, we created a new Central Conference to organize the work and Annual Conferences in Southeast Asia and Mongolia—the first new Central Conference in years!

While we continue to struggle to perfect our caring for one another, we are a people transforming not just Maine, or New England, or even the United States. We are transforming the World by making Disciples of Jesus Christ! I want to invite you all to give thanks for the good things that have come out of General Conference. I also want to invite you into a season of prayer for The UMC, and for the Commission engaging our positions on sexuality. I hope they will accomplish through relationship and study what we have failed to do legislatively—finding a way forward where we can all find peace with God and one another.

Together, we are still charged with serving Christ through Hampden Highlands UMC, and our mission here has not changed. For that, I am thankful, and I am thankful to continue to serve as your Pastor.

In Christ,
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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Office Hours: 11am-2:45pm	Office Hours: 11am-2:45pm	Office Hours: 11am-2:45pm	Office Hours: 11am-2:45pm Kasandra's last day	
			1	2	3	4
			6:30 pm SPRC	7pm Voice Choir		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 am –Worship 9 am – Bible Study 10 am - Worship Nurture Committee 11:30 am		Office Hours: Closed	Office Hours: Closed	Office Hours: Closed	Office Hours: Closed	
				7pm Voice Choir		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9 am –Worship 9 am – Bible Study 10 am - Worship Worship Committee Meeting Church Picnic after Worship		Office Hours: Intermittent Hrs	Office Hours: Intermittent Hrs 6:30 pm Finance Committee	Office Hours: Intermittent Hrs 7pm Voice Choir	Office Hours: Intermittent Hrs	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9 am –Worship 9 am – Bible Study 10 am - Worship 11:30 Trustees 6:30 pm Evening Worship		Office Hours:	Office Hours:	Office Hours: 7pm Voice Choir		
26	27	28	29	30	1 July	2
9:00 am –Worship 9 am – Bible Study 10 am - Worship		Office Hours:	Office Hours:	Office Hours: 7pm Voice Choir	Office Hours:	



BIRTHDAYS

06/01	Graig, Nancy
06/03	Whitmore, Lisa
06/04	Condon, Barbara
06/05	Williams, Robert
06/05	Wilson, Kimberly
06/06	Woods, Lynnmarie
06/09	Timney, Erin
06/11	Bishop, Anna
06/13	Campbell, Wayne
06/15	Donnelly, Roy
06/20	Ravenscraft, Sabra
06/23	Philbrick, Deanna
06/26	Bellerose, Sandi
06/27	Ward, Louise
06/27	Thomas, Elaine
06/29	Brann, Jane

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRC June 1st
Trustees Meeting June 19th
Church Picnic June 12th

HHUMC'S OFFICE HOURS

NEW: June: Intermitting hrs/Uncertain

FOLLOW OUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

In the book of Proverbs, a father urges his son to listen to his wisdom, which he received from his heavenly Father.

Directions: Starting at 1, follow the footsteps and write the words in order on the blanks below.

“ _____

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Ellingwood's Corner

Sunday Morning Service 10:00 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.