

FAITH



FORWARD

Bar Mills Community Church

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Spring is upon us, daylight is increasing, birds are singing, and flowers are blooming. After our first Maine winter, I am excited to see the beauty that spring will bring. I know there will be surprises of color and beauty popping up all around us. With spring comes the Easter season, as we celebrate the incredible gift that is ours through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As Easter approaches, I want to let you know about a few things we will be doing to connect us with Jesus and each other:

On April 10th, we will celebrate Palm Sunday during our service. Palm branches will be waved, shouts of "Hosanna!" will be lifted up, and we will discuss what it means for us as members of a church to worship together.

On Thursday, April 14, Bar Mills will be hosting a Maundy Thursday service and will be joined by the pastors and congregations of Buxton Center Baptist Church, Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, and First Congregational Church. The pastors are developing a meditative and interactive service centering around the last supper, trial, and death of Jesus. We hope you will join us at 7 pm for a time of reflection.

On April 17th Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the resurrection together in worship at 10 am. Easter tends to bring more people to church, and I want to encourage you to invite friends and family to join us. With new people showing up, it may cause some slight inconveniences (someone may be parking in your normal spot or sitting in your regular seat). I want to encourage you to talk with guests and let them know they are always welcome here at Bar Mills.

As part of our Easter Celebration, we want families with children to feel especially welcomed. Our Christian Education team will have the nursery ready for families as well as our regular Children's Church. Following the service, we will have an Easter egg hunt. To help us with our egg hunt, we are asking you to donate candy filled eggs. Please bring your eggs to church by April 10, so that we can best prepare.

Easter is a time to celebrate! He has risen indeed!

Dave Reiss, Pastor

PS: The Sunday after Easter is typically one of the lowest-attended services in most churches. Let's change that and invite others to join us after Easter as well.



Coming soon!

A new way to serve the community in the month of May!

The Bonny Eagle High School Theater students will be performing their spring musical on May 12-14. Our very own Lucy and Eli Reiss are a part of the cast and the rehearsals are already underway. We hope everyone can attend one of the performances!

The students, cast, and crew all stay late during the final week of rehearsals, called "Tech Week". The drama teacher, Ms. Pillsbury, has traditionally asked theater parents to provide cooked food for potluck dinners every night of Tech Week. It is a big ask - 5 nights of feeding approximately 35 hungry students! It is a lot for the theater parents to take on and a big task for the teacher to organize.

The Women's Fellowship Circle has already agreed to supply two nights' worth of meals for Tech Week. We have committed to bringing in food on Tuesday and Thursday of Tech Week (May 10 & May 12). I have already shared this with Ms. Pillsbury and she is quite appreciative. I would like to see if we can expand our reach to one or two additional nights for Tech Week. If there's one thing, I know our church excels at, it is lovingly feeding people! If you are interested in providing a main dish, a side dish, a "snack" food, or dessert, please let me know. They typically ask for the following:

3 Main Dishes (12 servings each) - such as pulled pork sandwiches, chili, mac & cheese, burgers, etc.

3 Side Dishes - such as salad, fruit trays, veggies, soup, pasta salad, rolls, etc.

3 Snack Sides - such as chips & salsa, regular chips, pretzels, etc.

3 Desserts - such as cookies, brownies, etc.

I will be putting out a schedule in the lobby for anyone who is willing to fill this need for any of the nights of Tech Week. Our first priority is fully filling the Tuesday night slots. We will be purchasing pizza for their Thursday night meal. And if anyone is willing to fulfill further food needs for Monday, Wednesday, or Friday of that week, it would be amazing, above and beyond! I can deliver the food for you to the high school; we just need to meet up in advance.

This is a real opportunity to serve the teenagers of our community and show them how our church loves & supports them! Thank you for considering it. Let me know if you have any questions - Dawn Reiss - dawnreiss22@gmail.com or 207.804.0542

Bar Mills Community Church
Council Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2022

Present –Tom Brunelle, Tim Cook, Lori and Michael Dorey, Sue Dunn, Judy Moody, Barbie Peterson, Pastor Dave Reiss, Anna Maria Salvatore, Judy Sjulander, Wanda Rounds, Debbie Dunnell, Linda Caouette

Meeting Opened Pastor Dave Reiss led us in prayer

Financial Reports-see reports (accepted)

1. Only question was regarding the copier bill, depends on the number of copies printed.

Treasurer's Report-see reports (all accepted)

1. Hannaford's cards profit down only \$10.00 from last year at this time.
2. Judy Sjulander used money donated to missions \$40.00 to purchase sox for the Friendship House and Preble Street Resource Center.
3. Sue Dunn suggested all church salaries on Income and Balance Statement be called Church Salaries. It will be only one line item, including all salaries.

Deacons Report

1. Anna Maria reported a good meeting and deacons and pastor will meet every other month.
2. Jane Gerrish took on the job of finding greeters. Would like to involve church members more in Sunday Service.
3. Starting in April the congregation will resume the circle and holding hands around the church to sing Blest Be the Tie That Binds after the communion.

Pastor's Report

1. Pastor Dave Reiss was contacted by ministers from The First Congregational Church of Buxton, also known locally as the Tory Hill Meetinghouse and Buxton Centre Baptist Church for Maundy Thursday service at BMCC on April 14th.
2. It was suggested we invite Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.
3. Our church is usually open on Good Friday for anyone who wishes time to pray at the church.
4. The book Pursuing God's Will Together was mentioned and no time decided on for group discussion.
5. Pastor Dave Reiss said he would be writing up a job description for the music director's position. He would like to have someone who can sing and play piano/instrument at same time and can lead our congregation through traditional hymns and introduce them to some contemporary worship songs.

Missions

1. Saturday May 21st Global 6K for Water. We are looking for participants and volunteers for this event and donations.
2. Dawn Reiss is asking for help May 9th -12th to prepare meals for the Bonny Eagle High School music department during "tech week" of the school's spring musical. We will decide how many nights we can do.
3. Judy Moody delivered 101 pairs of sox to Friendship House and 341 pairs to Preble Street.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

1. Food at church: all food left at church please put in containers in cupboards.
2. Trash placed in large trash can with cover only.
3. Need new shades or curtains in Sunday School rooms and Pastor's office.

Christian Education

1. Plans for Sunday School, VBS, and Easter Egg Hunt being worked on by committee.

Social Media

1. Everything is the same. The weekly sermon is put on the website and on facebook.

Women's Fellowship Circle

1. Meeting March 13th at 5:00 pm at BMCC.

Old Business

1. We were all inspired and pleased with the service Pastor Dan Carr did via Zoom on February 27th.
2. A big thank you to Michael Dorey and Anna Maria Salvatore for making the technology work.

New Business

1. Chad Poitras met with Pastor Dave Reiss and suggested/requested we have a booth at ballpark during the Buxton Days celebration this summer.
2. We should also consider a float in the parade.
3. Are we going to bring back the concert series?

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Dave Reiss.

Women's Fellowship Circle

In March, the Women's Fellowship Meeting was held at the church. We began the meeting with a collective prayer as we each shared thanksgivings and concerns.

Sue Dunn followed with the Treasurer's Report. There was some discussion and clarification as well as a discussion of upcoming events. We discussed our monthly missions, the 6K, the July Quilt Show, and our next meetings. Dawn Reiss asked if the group would like to support the Bonny Eagle High School Drama Club for their upcoming production in May. We agreed to provide Low's Pizza and fixings for one meal and to provide a home-cooked dinner for the students another night.

After the business meeting, Judy Sjulander spoiled us with her fabulous macaroni and cheese, a garden salad, a fruit salad, and when we thought we couldn't eat another bite, she offered Key Lime Pie for dessert. A true gourmet- cook and she makes it look so easy! Thank you, Judy!

Dawn Reiss led a Rose Activity following the business meeting and dinner. Many thanks to Dawn for providing an opportunity for each of us to share "a bud, a thorn, or a rose" experience. It was lovely!

Everyone brought items to be given to the women at Esther House in Saco. Esther House is a halfway house that gives women getting out of prison a place to live, work, and rehabilitate as they reintegrate into society. At our next meeting in June at Linda and Tim's cottage in Biddeford Pool, we hope to have a presentation by Sister Joanne from Esther House.

What a blessing it is to have this wonderful group of women meet and contribute as we conduct activities in our church and in our community!

Bible Study

We are now offering two Bible Study options on Wednesdays.

1. Our in-person gathering will meet at the church at 1:30 pm.
2. Our Zoom gathering will meet at 6:30 pm.

Please join us each week as we gather together (in person or via Zoom) to glorify God through fellowship with one another and to study God's Word.

In April, we will continue addressing what it means to be a church member. The apostle Paul explains how members of a church are like parts of a body (1 Corinthians 12:12). Each member brings their own gifts to the church. These gifts are what make their congregation unique. Every person at Bar Mills Community Church brings their uniqueness to our congregation, which is what makes our church special. It is by bringing yourself - all that you are - into our church family and allowing God to shape us by his love and grace, that we will begin to become a church that is building meaning through Christian community.

Prayer Time

When you're going through struggles, God wants you to connect to Him using this **prayer**.

Praying Psalm 23 is a great psalm to **pray** for God's leading and direction in our lives—
He truly is our Good Shepherd!

The Lord Is My Shepherd
A Psalm of David.

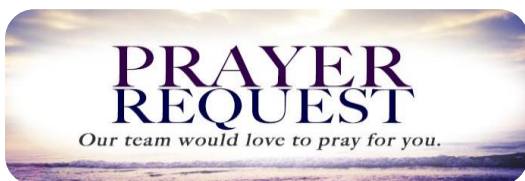
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters
He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



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BAR MILLS

COMMUNITY CHURCH



Building Meaning through Christian Community

You Are Invited!

The Bar Mills Community Church

13 Hermit Thrush Drive Buxton, Maine 04093

Invites you to come celebrate with us at the

Service of Installation

For

Pastor Dave Reiss

As our pastor at Bar Mills Community Church

Sunday, May 1, 2022 ♦ 2:00 pm

A reception will be held following the service.
We invite you to take this opportunity to welcome the pastor
and his family to our church and community.

For more information
207.929.3535 or barmillscommunitychurch.org

Mission Updates!

March Mission: America for Christ Offerings. We have collected \$231.

April Mission: Church World Services Blanket Drive - \$10 each



When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That's why the CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone.

Through the generosity of CWS partner organizations, congregations and individual supporters, our most vulnerable neighbors around the world can feel safe and keep warm with fresh linens and clean sleeping quarters.

When our neighbors are in need,
even \$10 for a single blanket goes a long way.

For more information about this organization and stories of how the
blankets are used visit: cwsglobal.org

or

visit our missions page at our website: www.barmillscommunitychurch.org



NURTURING *Faith* THROUGH *Feasting*

ONE *Meal* AT A *Time*

Take Out Lunch

Choose One Soup and One Sandwich

All Meals Include Dessert



Pasta Fagioli Soup



Creamy Wild Rice and Chicken



Thanksgiving Sandwich



Church Club Sandwich

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

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\$10

Donation
Welcomed

To Place Orders:

Website: barmillscommunitychurch.org

Judy @ 929-5555 / judysjul@gmail.com

Place Order By: Monday, April 11, 2022

FREE COMMUNITY SUPPER

Saturday,
April 23, 2022

We start serving at 5:00 pm



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The table is a meeting place, a gathering ground, the source of sustenance and nourishment, festivity, safety, and satisfaction. A person cooking is a person giving: Even the simplest food is a gift.





EVERY STEP YOU TAKE IS ONE THEY WON'T HAVE TO
WHY 6K?

**It's the average distance people in the
developing world walk for water every day.**

Every registration fee provides clean water for one person in need through World Vision's projects. When you and thousands of others cross the finish line, you'll be changing the lives of women and children by helping to free them from a life spent collecting dirty water.

The 6k starts and ends at the church

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Global 6K for Water—May 21, 2022 at Bar Mills Community Church



Global 6K for Water, Volunteers Needed: We are looking for help in planning and running our upcoming 6K event. We would love help in the following areas; advertising, registration, snack and water distribution, and welcoming our guests. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby for all who are interested.

Global 6K Registration: Have you registered for the 6K yet?

- **Official Registrations** can be made online at www.global6k.worldvision.org/team/BMCC. Registration fee is \$50 for adult and \$25 for students. Use the code **WWD22** and save \$15 on your registration (through April 10).
- **Unofficial Participants:** Our 6k will be open to all, even if they do not officially register. Simply let us know you are coming and donate any amount to the cause.
- **Don't want to walk/run?** You can still donate to this great cause. You can donate online or through the church by marking your donation "Global 6K."

For more information contact Pastor Dave Reiss
pastordave.bmcc@gmail.com or 207-929-3535



April 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 10:00 am Worship Service | 4 7:00 pm AA Meeting | 5 | 6 1:30 pm In person Bible Study 6:30 pm- Zoom Bible Study | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 10:00 am Worship Service <i>Palm Sunday</i> | 11 7:00 pm AA Meeting | 12 6:00 pm Council Meeting | 13 11:30 am Take Out Lunch | 14 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service | 15 | 16 |
| 17 10:00 am Worship Service <i>He is Risen</i> | 18 7:00 pm AA Meeting | 19 | 20 1:30 pm In person Bible Study 6:30 pm- Zoom Bible Study | 21 7:00 pm Buxton Garden Club | 22 | 23 5:00 pm Free Supper |
| 24 10:00 am Worship Service | 25 7:00 pm AA Meeting | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |