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Bar Mills Community Church

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I am so glad that spring is here. It is great to see the earth come alive, flowers blooming, birds singing, and snow disappearing (I hope). I am looking forward to being outdoors more, enjoying the fresh air and the increased sunlight.

May is shaping up to be a full month for our church and our family, and I am excited for that! Just like the flowers blooming and the birds singing, there is a bustle about our church. I can sense the excitement for what God is doing in and through Bar Mills Community Church, and I hope you will join me in that excitement.

May began with my Installation Service on **May 1st at 2pm**. This was an opportunity for us to rejoice in how God has called us together for his glory. I am thankful for the hard work that Sue Dunn has done in planning this service and all the hard work of the search committee. They have worked for several years to seek God's direction for the congregation, and their commitment has come to fruition. I am blessed that God has called me to you and you have been equally called to me and my family.

May 8th is Mother's Day, which can be a day of joy for some and a day of sorrow for others. We will honor all the women at our church with a simple gift on that Sunday. We will remember that in Christ, we are all part of his family. We will also welcome our candidate for our Music Leader, Valerie Messina. She comes highly recommended from Bob Hinckley and has many years of church music experience. Please make her feel welcome.

These first two weeks of May are going to be quite full for my older two, Lucy and Eli, as they prepare for the musical, Little Shop of Horrors. The theater program at Bonny Eagle has been a blessing to them as they have found a core group of friends and an avenue for creative expression. I know many of you have signed up to help provide meals on **May 10th** and **May 12th**. If you are still interested in helping with this, you can contact my wife, Dawn at dawnreiss22@gmail.com or 207.804.0542. We also want to invite you to attend one of the showings of their production on **May 12th & 13th at 7:00 pm**, and **May 14th at noon**. Our family is planning to attend the May 14th show and we'd love to see you there!

Small Group Ministry was one of my main courses of study while in seminary, and I am excited for small groups to begin here at Bar Mills in mid-May. On **May 15th**, I will begin a new sermon series on Peter, one of my favorite people in the Bible. To accompany all of the sermons, we will have groups that meet to process Peter's journey and how we can apply his experiences to our lives. I want to encourage you all to be a part of one of our small groups. We are still working out details, and we will let you know more soon. One thing we will need are people who are willing to lead these groups. At first this may sound intimidating, but I hope it will not be. I will be providing lesson plans for the small groups with discussion questions, and so leaders will be facilitating the discussion and creating an environment where people are welcomed and accepted. If you are interested in being a small group leader, let me know.

May 21st is another big day for us at Bar Mills. It begins with our first Global 6K for water, our mission fundraiser. We have already raised over \$1000 for World Vision and have 18 people participating in the walk/run. I would love to see both of these numbers increase as we get closer to the event. If you know people who love to walk or run, invite them to join us. Even if a person cannot afford the entry fee, we'd love to have them participate.

You can learn more about how to be involved at global6k.worldvision.org/team/bmcc. We also need volunteers to help run the event, and you can get more information at our table in the church lobby.

On **May 21st at 2:00 pm**, we will celebrate the life of Don Moody. Don was a faithful member of our church and actively involved in Alcoholics Anonymous. While we miss him, we celebrate that he is with Jesus, rejoicing in heaven.

Along with everything happening in the life of our church, our family is waiting for a clear diagnosis and treatment plan for our son, Henry. Five years ago, he was diagnosed with stage four neuroblastoma and underwent an 18-month treatment plan. For over three years, he has been cancer-free, but we are rather certain that either his cancer has returned or a new cancer has started to form. The next few weeks are going to be filled with scans and doctors' visits in order to determine how to best care for him. Henry is in great spirits and we are overwhelmed by the amount of love you all have been showing him and our family. We covet your prayers during this time, and trust that God is good even in the midst of this struggle. I know we are not alone, many of you are also wrestling with your own medical issues. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Finally, I want to thank those who have completed the Membership Commitment Form. For the past two months, we have been talking about what it means to be a church member, committing yourself to a community in Christ. For those who have not completed it, we are asking our faithful attenders to either recommit their membership if they are already members, or to join our congregation in membership. I know that for some, church membership is a complicated issue, and I do not want to pressure you, but if you consider Bar Mills Community Church your church home, I want to encourage you to commit yourself to our church community.

God Bless,
Dave Reiss, Pastor

Upcoming Sermon Series:

ROCK STORIES: The Journey of Peter

May 15: Peter and the Fishers of Men - Luke 5:1-11

May 22: Peter and the Wind and Waves – Matthew 14:22-33

May 29: Peter and the Loaded Questions - Mark 8: 27-36

June 05: Peter and the Morning Catch – John 13:36-38, 18:15-18, 18:25-32, 21:1-20

June 12: Peter and the Lame Man – selections from Acts 3

June 19: Peter and the Sheet of Meat – selection from Acts 10

June 26: Peter and the Prison Break – Acts 12:6-18

July 03: Peter and the Confronting Paul – Galatians 2:11-14

Save the Dates:

Summer Bible Club at Bar Mills Community Church!

Wednesday evenings, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

The evening include games, music, crafts, lessons, and dinner.

This event is for ages 4-12

Theme : "I Am..." - Jesus

July 13: "I am the light of the world."

July 20: "I am the bread of life."

July 27: "I am the good shepherd."

August 3: "I am the true vine."

August 10: "I am Teacher and Lord."

August 17: "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

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.

Each week's topic is listed on previous page.

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 12th -14th. 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 10th & May 12th). 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
April 12, 2022

Present-Tom Brunelle, Tim Cook, Pastor Dave Reiss, Lori and Michael Dorey, Sue Dunn, Barbie Peterson, Anna Maria Salvatore, Judy Sjulander, Wand Rounds, John Myers, Mimi Bourque, Linda Caouette, Judy Moody

Meeting Opened- Pastor Dave Reiss led us in prayer

Minutes- see report (accepted)

Financial Reports-see report (accepted)

1. Judy Sjulander asked about organist's pay
2. March checking account approved
3. Quarterly report accepted

Treasurer's Report-see report (accepted)

Deacons Report-

1. At 4/10/22 meeting discussed Maundy Thursday, Easter, and Installation Service
2. Every deacon has six names of church members, no one should be overlooked.
3. Thank you to police, firemen, and town hall employees, maybe buy lunch for them in May.
4. Michael Dorey asked about an active portion during communion.
5. Four pastors for Maundy Thursday: Dave Reiss, Stephen Row, Laura Holt-Haslem, and Bob Hinckley.
6. No offering will be taken at Maundy Thursday service.

Pastor's Report-

1. Music in place for Easter
2. Judy Moody will be at church 4/17/22 for Easter flower drop off.
3. Should we have only drinks at Easter, no food?
4. A form will be included in the Sunday bulletin for renewing membership or becoming a new member.
5. After Mother's Day stories on Peter, with Dave Reiss suggesting small groups meet at homes or at church to read scripture and talk.
6. Summer, after July 4th, kids' night and adult groups.
7. Think about Sunday School before service starts 9:00-9:45.
8. Church service 10:15-11:15 with adult classes during children's Sunday school.
9. Please pray for above requests made by Pastor Dave Reiss.
10. Mimi Bourque suggested an outdoor service August 7th at Pleasant Point.
11. Tom Brunelle was thinking about a service on our property.
12. Judy Sjulander made a motion to commit to table at Tory Hill area and float for parade.
13. Mimi and Paul Bourque have a trailer we can use.
14. Barbie Peterson seconded. All in favor.

Missions-

1. Judy Sjulander suggested money from Shirley Butler's fund for the pizza for Bonny Eagle's theater group.
2. Barbie Peterson seconded it. Approved
3. If you sign up for the World Vision Global 6K on 5/21/22 you will get a tee shirt even if you chose not to walk/run.

Buildings and Grounds-

1. Judy Moody picked up shades for Dave Reiss's office and will pick up two more sets for the other windows costing \$333.00.
2. Tim Cook reported on boiler cleaning. We need to disconnect the thermostat in the copier room and install a new one in the pastor's office.
3. Discussed service plan for boiler and July prebuy.
4. Tom Brunelle in charge of water cooler.
5. Lori Dorey will get quotes for mowing service for this summer.

Christian Education- covered by Dave Reiss**Social Media-**

1. Lori Dorey has everything covered.

Women's Fellowship Circle-

1. Next meeting June 26th at Tim Cook and Linda Caouette's cottage in Saco.

Old Business-

1. Dave Reiss suggested leadership retreat in place of one meeting.
2. Will have council meetings in June and July.

New Business-

1. Judy Moody took attendance for 12 weeks, average 36 per Sunday. She could add zoom to the list.
2. Sue Dunn has scheduled Dave Reiss's installation.
3. Talked about a new sign that would be more visible and clearing that would be needed.

Meeting closed with prayer by Anna Maria Salvatore.



Nils "Swede" Sjulander

April 08, 2022

BUXTON- Nils "Swede" Sjulander, age 89, beloved husband, dad, and Gramp, died in Buxton on Friday April 8, 2022, from lung cancer.

He was born in Newton, MA on Dec. 28, 1932, to Ellis and Dagny Sjulander. He graduated from Dedham High School and served in the Coast Guard for three years.

In 1959, he moved with his family to the Buxton / Hollis area. For many years, he was a member of the Hollis Lions Club and received the Melvin Jones Award for service. He was also a longtime member of the Bar Mills Community Church.

In 1972, he started Eagle Industries, a precision sheet metal shop in Hollis, which is now operated by a son and grandchildren.

His greatest joys in life were a perfect lawn, clean windows, old cars, and visits with his grand and great grandchildren.

He is predeceased by his daughter Sara Pease.

He is survived by his wife Judy; sons- Jon Sjulander and his wife Gigi, and David Sjulander and his wife Eryn; son in law- Sanford Pease; grandchildren- Mark Sjulander and his wife Elizabeth, Lars Sjulander and his wife Katie, Ingrid Leschefske and her husband Griff, Gretchen Krier and her husband Sean, Daniel Pease, and Victoria Pease; and great grandchildren- Wyatt, Lyla, Nikolas, Anja, Sigrid, Ellis, and Otto.

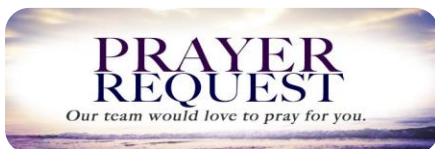
the Sjulander family recommends memorial donations to be made to the Bar Mills Community Church, P.O. Box 424, Bar Mills, Maine 04004.

Prayer Time

God is our refuge and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble. Psalm 46:1

Lord God,

I feel so afraid when I think of _____ (Put in loved one's name) journeying through cancer. Holy One, there is so much I don't understand about cancer and I wish I could take this from them. Lord, I ask for courage. Help me to be strong and courageous as I journey with _____ (Put in Loved one's name). Bring calm to this chaos. When I don't know what to do, help me to remember that you promise to give wisdom to those who ask. I come to you now, asking for wisdom. Show me Holy Spirit, how to bring the calming and comforting presence of Christ to my loved one. Show me how to encourage moment by moment as we journey together. Help me to listen attentively as they process their feelings just as You bend down and listen to me. Father, may I be used by You to encourage _____. Fill me with renewed love as we journey this valley together.



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Mission Updates!

April Mission: Church World Services Blanket Drive - We collected \$630 mission.

May Mission: World Vision Global 6K Walk for Water *more information on next page.*



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.

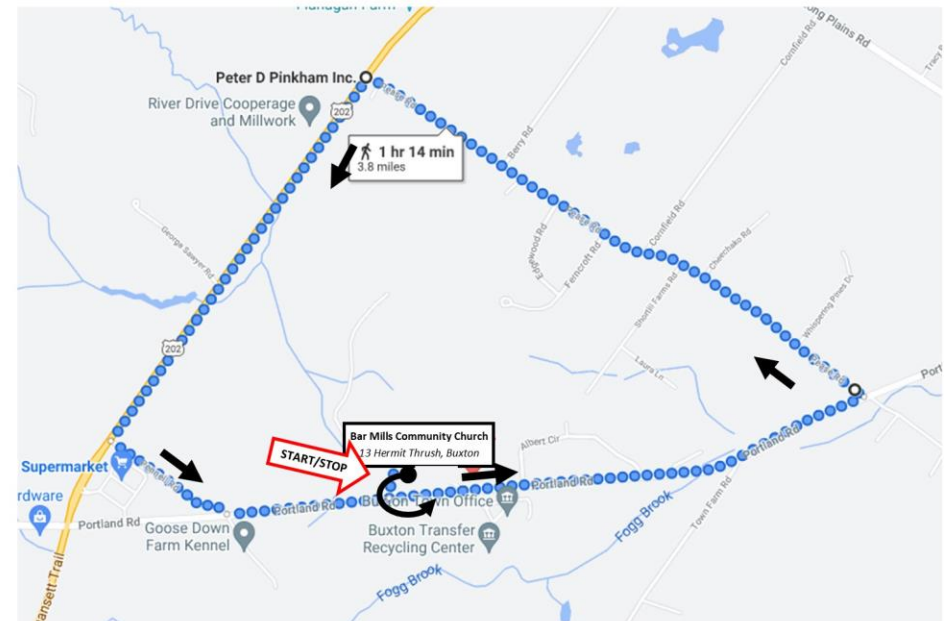
Every registration fee provides clean water for one person in need through World Vision's projects. When you and thousands of others cross the finish line, you'll be changing the lives of women and children by helping to free them from a life spent collecting dirty water.

The 6k starts and ends at the church

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



www.global6k.worldvision.org/team/BMCC

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
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Take Out Lunch

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Choose One Sandwich and One Soup

All meals include dessert

Place Order By: Monday, May 9, 2022



Cheddar and Broccoli Soup

Turkey Vegetable Soup

Chicken Salad Sandwich

Ham and Cheese Slider

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BAR MILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

Free Community Supper

Saturday, May 28, 2022

We start serving at 5:00 pm

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Building Meaning through Christian Community



May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 am Worship Service	2 7:00 pm AA Meeting	3	4 1:30 pm In person Bible Study 6:30 pm- Zoom Bible Study	5	6	7
8 10:00 am Worship Service <i>Happy Mothers' Day</i>	9 7:00 pm AA Meeting	10 6:00 pm Council Meeting	11 1:30 pm In person Bible Study 6:30 pm- Zoom Bible Study	12	13	14
15 10:00 am Worship Service	16 7:00 pm AA Meeting	17	18 1:30 pm In person Bible Study 6:30 pm- Zoom Bible Study	19 7:00 pm Buxton Garden Club	20	21 8:00 am World Vision 6K Walk 2:00 pm Don Moody Memorial Service
22 10:00 am Worship Service	23 7:00 pm AA Meeting	24	25 1:30 pm In person Bible Study 6:30 pm- Zoom Bible Study	26	27	28 5:00 pm Free Supper
29 10:00 am Worship Service	30 7:00 pm AA Meeting	31				