

FAITH



FORWARD

Bar Mills Community Church

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Hello Bar Mills Family,

I am so proud of all the hard work and support that went into our Global 6K for Water! It was an amazing event which included over 25 walkers/runners, including some of our neighbors. It was a great chance to connect with some of the families who live on our own church's street, Hermit Thrush. We also raised over \$2150, which means that 43 people now have access to clean water. I want to especially thank Wanda Rounds who helped coordinate and plan all the logistics for this event. Of course, we could not have done it without all the cookies and water that people donated. You all did a tremendous job for an important cause!



God has certainly answered our prayers and provided our new music leader, Valerie Messana. Valerie has a wide variety of church and music experience and a vast understanding of traditional hymns and contemporary worship songs. She and I work together to choose songs that connect with the overall theme of the worship service and connect our hearts to God. As the music leader, she will help guide us and so that we are not only singing songs but really thinking about what we are singing and who we are singing to.

As we move into the summer, we are starting to plan our Summer Bible Club, which will be for six Wednesday nights starting July 13th. This is an outreach to families in our community for children ages 4-12. Over the next few weeks, we will send out more information and recruit help from y'all. Please pray about how God can use you during this program, and how God can use this to help spread his love and help our church to grow.

Finally, I want to thank you all for the continued love and support that you are showing my family. We thought we had left Henry's cancer back in Texas, yet we are once again back in the thick of it. Henry will have six rounds of treatment with each round lasting 3-4 weeks. The treatment includes a variety of at-home medicines and a week-long stay at the hospital where he receives chemo under strict supervision. We are so grateful for the meals that our congregation is providing.

God Bless,

Dave Reiss, Pastor

July 13 - August 17

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What is this program?

A few months ago, the Children's Ministry Team brainstormed a schedule for a 6-week Bible club for kids to be held at our church, on Wednesday evenings. This is to take the place of a traditional VBS. While week-long VBS programs are awesome opportunities to engage with the community, they are only one week long. Often, the participants are never seen or heard from again.

The vision for this program is to create a space in the summertime to invite local kids to come learn about Jesus and connect their families with our church. Families do not need to commit to coming to all 6 clubs; they just come to the ones they can. They can drop their kids off, or possibly stay for an adult class at the church at the same time for any parents who want to stay.

Our vision is for most of the event to be held outdoors on our lawn/in the parking lot (on the "safe" end where the basketball hoop usually is). This is weather-permitting, of course. We can have an indoors backup plan as needed. We will provide a basic pizza dinner (with fruit sides and a dessert) each week. The Bible clubs will include games, singing 1-2 songs related to the theme, a lesson, a craft, and other fun activities. These lessons are being planned now.

We chose the dates July 13 - Aug 17, Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:30. This starts after the 4th of July holiday week. It finishes a few weeks before school starts. If it is successful, we can talk about continuing the Wednesday night program into the fall after school starts.

I (Dawn) was telling the mom of one of Joel's friends about this program and she said it was very exciting and something her kids would be interested in! Let's run with that enthusiasm!

How can you help?

1. **Pray for it!** Ask God to draw families to this opportunity and for relationships to be built and fostered as a result. Ask God to give wisdom & energy to the leaders and for the children who attend to get to know Jesus more dearly!
2. **Volunteer!** Help wrangle little ones, provide fruits and desserts, and lead various portions of the program. Contact Dawn (dawnreiss22@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating!
3. **Invite** families and friends you know in the community whose kids might enjoy Summer Bible Club!

Theme: "I Am..." - Jesus

Lesson Breakdown:

July 13 **"I am the light of the world."** John 8:12 and other scriptures

July 20 **"I am the bread of life."** John 6:35 & possibly the feeding of the 5,000

July 27 **"I am the good shepherd."** John 10:11-15

August 3 **"I am the true vine."** John 15:1-2, 5

August 10 **"I am Teacher and Lord."** John 13:1-15 (Jesus washes his disciples' feet)

August 17 **"I am the way, the truth, and the life."** John 14:6

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Council Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2022

Present-Tom Brunelle, Tim Cook, Pastor Dave Reiss, Barbie Petersen, Judy Sjulander, Mimi Bourque, Judy Moody, Linda Caouette

Zoom- Lori Dorey, Sue Dunn, Wanda Rounds

Meeting Opened-Pastor Dave Reiss led us in prayer

Minutes-Judy Moody made a correction, \$300.55 spent on shades. Judy Sjulander made a motion to correct. Barbie Peterson seconded.

See report (as corrected)

Tim Cook-After on-going troubles and not respecting Pastor Dave Reiss and each other Tim Cook sadly resigns from Building and Ground Committee and will not attend church.

Financial Reports-see report (accepted)

1. \$500.00 from Women's Fellowship Circle to John Myers.
2. Judy Sjulander asked about compensation for pastor's mileage. It is set every year.

Treasurer's Report-see report (accepted)

Pastor's Report

1. Dave Reiss thanked everyone that filled out the church form he passed out. He is working on a list of people who would like to join the church.
2. Dave Reiss shared his son Henry's cancer treatment. The church members will cover for Pastor Reiss anyway we can and his family comes first.
 - a. Sue Dunn said a meal schedule for the family starts next week.
3. Henry Reiss's baptism went well last Sunday. Gloria and Ansel Stevens were also baptized.
 - a. Pastor Reiss thanks us for love and support.
4. Church issues: May switch time in the fall, will check attendance before time is set.
5. Pastor said there are two small bible groups in place:
 - a. Wand Rounds leader at Lori Dorey's home.
 - b. Jane Gerrish is a leader at her home in Kennebunk.

Missions

1. We sent \$1,000.00 for blankets with Women's Fellowship Circle support.
2. Police/Firemen's lunch on hold.
3. One Great Hour of Sharing material arrived for June. Judy Sjulander made a motion to accept it and Barbie Petersen seconded. Approved.

Buildings and Grounds

1. Ansel Stevens will put up shades.
2. Eric Kirmes will mow and weed whack for \$75.00 each visit. He will start when needed. Judy Sjulander motion to approve, Dave Reiss seconded.

3. An estimate from Brookscope Properties was given for \$100.00 a mowing.
4. Dave Reiss would like a mailbox on property. It was tabled for now.
5. Violin concert at the church on May 15th, practice on May 14th.

Christian Education

1. Sue Dunn working on a summer program.

Old Business

1. Float and booth at Buxton 250th on August 6, 2022 plans:
 - a. Theme "Building Meaning Through Christian Community"
 - b. Key ring/magnet
 - c. Maybe tee shirts design worked on by Dave Reiss and Lori Dorey
 - d. Mimi and Paul Bourque in charge of the float for the parade.
 - e. Tom Brunelle will work with a group for the booth.
 - f. Barbie Petersen will make a banner.

New Business

1. Motion was made by Wanda Rounds to accept the contract for Valerie Messina as our organist for \$125.00 per week.
 - a. Second: Judy Sjulander. Accepted.
2. Regarding Wednesday's meeting:
 - a. Ignore letters.
 - b. Connect with the lawyer's firm, (Tom Brunelle responded to the letter). We will wait to see if they respond to Tom.
3. Discussed thank you notes for memorial donations: names and addresses sent to a family member and they send notes.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion by Judy Sjulander and second by Barbie Petersen.

Meeting closed with prayer by Judy Sjulander

Linda Caouette, clerk

Thank You

We would like to thank the **Snell Family Farm** for providing flowers to display at the entrance of our church to give it a warm welcoming feel and a big thank you to Wanda Rounds for putting the display together for us.

The **Snell Family Farm** is a diverse farm in Southern Maine growing plants, vegetables, flowers, fruit, and ornamentals. You can shop at the farm stand in Buxton or at [Portland Farmers' Market](#). They would love to be your source for high quality farm products and your connection to Maine's seasons.



Small Groups

Small groups are an excellent way to grow in faith and friendship as your group discusses the passage from Sunday's sermon.

Mondays at 1:30

at Jane Gerrish's home
21 Rollins Lane, Kennebunk

Group Leader: Jane Gerrish
janegerrish@sacoriver.net

Wednesdays at 1:30

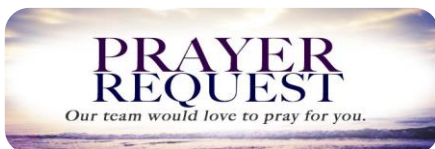
at Lori Dorey's home
12 Elliott Avenue, Buxton

Group Leader: Wanda Rounds
wanrounds@gmail.com

Prayer Time

God, our hearts are broken with pain at the senseless deaths caused by gun violence. Families mourn, children live in fear, and some in our nation respond by arming themselves with more guns with greater capacity to end life. Our disconnection and alienation have caused some to turn to guns for protection and safety. We ask that you touch our hearts with your love, heal our brokenness, and turn us away from violence toward peace. Help us to transform our own hearts and to seek peaceful ways of resolving our differences. Let our hands reach out and connect with those who feel alone, those who live in fear, and those suffering from mental illness. Let our voices be raised asking our legislators to enact gun laws to protect all in our society, especially those most vulnerable. Let our pens write messages demanding change while also scripting words of hope and transformation. We ask this in the name of the God who desires that we live together in peace. Amen

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Mission Updates!

April Mission: Church World Services Blanket Drive - We collected \$1200

May Mission: World Vision Global 6K Walk for Water -We collected \$2165

June Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing



We had a great time at our **Global 6k for Water**, our fundraiser to raise money and awareness for World Vision's clean water initiative. It was great to get out and get some exercise while supporting a great cause. We raised around \$2165, bringing clean water to 43 people. Thank you to everyone who participated: our runners, walkers, and cheerleaders. You can continue to give to this life changing cause at the church or through our Global 6K team page.

To see additional pictures from this event, visit our church Facebook page.



When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you deploy resources to people in need all around the world, and in our own communities. When man-made or natural disasters strike, love responds. Not just for the immediate future, but for the long haul. When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you are working alongside families to restore not only structures, but hope. Your giving ensures that no matter how difficult the situation, **Love remains.**

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. Cor. 1-13: 13

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**One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING**





BAR MILLS

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Free Community Supper

Saturday, June 25, 2022

We start serving at 5:00 pm

13 Hermit Thrush Drive, Buxton, Maine 04093
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Building Meaning through Christian Community



Take Out Lunch

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

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Choose One Sandwich and One Soup

All meals include dessert



Corn Chowder



Minestrone Soup



Ham Italian Sandwich



Asian Chicken and Orzo Salad



To Place Order Contact:
Judy @ 929-5555 or judysjul@gmail.com

Place Order By: Monday, June 6, 2022

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 10:00 am Worship Service	6 7:00 pm AA Meeting	7	8 Take Out Lunch	9 6:00 pm Garden Club	10	11
12 10:00 am Worship Service	13 7:00 pm AA Meeting	14 6:00 pm Council Meeting	15	16	17	18
19 10:00 am Worship Service	20 7:00 pm AA Meeting	21	22	23	24	25 5:00 pm Free Supper
26 10:00 am Worship Service	27 7:00 pm AA Meeting	28	29	30		