

Corinth United Methodist Church
Good News Gazette



What does the word *hope* mean to you? Often due to a problem translating a word from another language, we assign meanings to words that are off the mark, and therefore, less impactful. For example, as renowned pastor Tim Keller stated during a recent interview, the word hope is often used as a pleasant sort of wish. In fact, the way we use hope leaves open the possibility for the opposite of hope, which is uncertainty. When we express that we *hope* something will happen, we leave open the option that this something will not happen. But that is not what the word hope really means. The Greek word for hope is *elpis*, which means *the assurance of the future*. The true meaning of *elpis*, or hope, doesn't leave any wiggle room.

Why share the word hope with you today as we journey through Lent? Because along with the work of spiritual self-examination during Lent, along with the "giving things up" nature of Lent, Lent is also truly a season of hope. At the end of our Lenten journey we find Easter Sunday, the day we embrace and celebrate resurrection. Easter represents the completing work of the new covenant provided to mankind, made possible through the birth, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In this covenant, we find peace, purpose, assurance, security for today and the future. Easter is our, in the Greek sense of the word....HOPE....guaranteeing an assurance of our future.

So along with the work and what at times seems like the toil of Lent, let us also celebrate the *elpis/hope* made real to us by God in Christ. Easter will be here soon, friends!

See you Sunday!

Pastor Steve



From your Lay Leader

Well hello friends, brothers and sisters in Christ. Spring is coming upon us! Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day was the same date this year. What love that God had for us sinners, to give His only son, to wash our sins away. Great love! Amazing love! Eternal love! Thank you Lord that we can claim that love by accepting you into our hearts as our Lord and Savior

Easter is early this year 3/31/24. Hope we can have a beautiful "Sonrise" service without a lot of cold and snow.

Ephesians 2:8 reads "*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God*". We can't earn faith, it is a free gift we just have to heart fully accept it because Jesus earned it on the cross for us. He makes it possible for us to believe, because He has fully paid the price of our debt of sin. When we believe in God, it is never something we have achieved for ourselves. Be sure to thank God for the precious gift of faith He has entrusted to us.

Thank you Lord for these days of the Lenten season that we walk. May we always praise your Name.
AMEN.

March is a full month, daylight savings, St. Patrick's Day, 1st day of Spring, Good Friday and Easter Sunday Wow! We just passed Leap year 2/29/24. Missed my chance to "get a fella" again!! Gosh, I'll be too old to chase him the next time Leap year rolls around. Story of my life!

Thank You Lord that I was finally smart enough to say yes to You back in the early 80's when You met me at the altar at Emmanuel Wesleyan Church in North Carolina. Praise your holy name, Sweet Jesus!

Nancy B. Bond LL

Men's and Women's Tres Dias 2024 weekend dates.

Check out the newsletter @<https://tresdiasofme.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Tres-Dias-newsletter-January-2024.pdf>

April 4th – 7th Men

May 16th – 19th Women

September 12th – 15th Women

October 24th – 27th Men



March 24th Palm Sunday 9am Family worship @CUMC
 March 28th 6:30pm Maundy Thursday service @CUMC
 March 29th Good Friday 6:30pm @Bangor First United Methodist Church
 703 Essex Street Bangor, ME 04401
 March 31st CUMC sunrise at 6:30am @ Corinth Middle School parking lot
March 31st Easter 9:00am Family worship

If you would like to receive the free, monthly newsletter, simply contact the church office to have your name added to the mailing list @207.285.3557.



Please be in prayer for the following: Heather Cox (health miracle), the Israeli, Ukraine conflicts, our federal, state, and local government officials, a friend recovering from heart surgery, those dealing with winter illnesses or the winter "blues".



Join others 55+ Monday, March 11th and Monday, March 25th at 12noon at the Corinth United Methodist Church. Come, enjoy conversation, friendship and a yummy meal in a warm, welcoming atmosphere!

REMINDERS:

Call the church @207-285-3557, between 9:30-10:30am to secure an eat-in reservation.

Take-out order also available and ready for pick-up at 11:45am.

A modest donation of \$3.00 is suggested for meals.

Menus are subject to change. Cancellations are possible when there is inclement winter weather.



Birthdays

1	Susan Leighton	19	Gloria Giles	23	Don & Betty Brewer
2	Doris Smith	22	Robert Norman		
10	Nancy Campbell	27	Theresa Voisine		
14	Patti Stevens	30	Julie Dunton		



The days of March bring slowly warming daytime temps along with remaining snow melting and re-freezing. Please be reminded to keep your walkways and mailboxes clear of snow and ice not only for your own safety, but also for all delivery personnel.

Del Januskiewicz, AA



Click on the link below to see the

the latest about Corinth United Methodist!

Sermon notes, a video/object lesson for kids under our "BLAST" tab, our church calendar, contact information, service times, community events, and more!

Here's the link: www.corinthunitedmethodist.com



On Sunday, February 18th the church held a pizza party for the youth and for those young at heart. An enjoyable time of food, fellowship and games was had by all.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9AM in-person Worship or on Facebook	4 Church Office open 9am-12noon 6-7pm Cub Scouts #53	5	6 Church Office open 9am-12noon	7	8 5:30-7pm G. Scouts #878	9

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>10 9AM in-person Worship or on Facebook</p>  <p>Time to Spring Ahead</p>	<p>11 Church Office open 9am-12noon</p> <p>6-7pm Cub Scouts #53</p>	<p>12 9am-6pm W.I.C</p>	<p>13 Church Office open 9am-12noon</p> <p>5:30-6:30pm Girl Scout troop #1561</p>	14	15	16
<p>17 9AM in-person Worship or on Facebook</p>	<p>18 Church Office open 9am-12noon</p> <p>6-7pm Cub Scouts #53</p>	 <p>IT'S SPRING!</p>	<p>20 Church Office open 9am-12noon</p>	<p>21 6pm ADCO meeting</p>	<p>22 5:30-7pm G. Scouts #878</p>	23
<p>24 9AM in-person Worship or on Facebook</p>  <p>PALM SUNDAY</p>	<p>25 Church Office open 9am-12noon</p> <p>Newsletter deadline</p> <p>6-7pm Cub Scouts #53</p>	26	<p>27 Church Office open 9am-12noon</p> <p>5:30-6:30pm G. Scouts #1561</p>	<p>28 6:30pm Maundy service at CUMC</p>	<p>29 6:30pm Good Friday service @Bangor FUMC</p>	30
<p>31</p>  <p>EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE</p> <p>6:30am Sunrise service</p> <p>9AM in-person Worship or on Facebook</p>						

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