

Corinth United Methodist Church

Good News Gazette

January 2025 Issue



Question #1: What is your very first memory of church? Question #2: What is your first memory of being confused in church? My answer to questions #1 and #2 are actually the same. My first memory of church is of my mother playing the organ. My first memory of being confused at church relates to my Mom's organ playing. My mother typically took two pairs of shoes to church, one pair to wear when she wasn't playing the organ, and one pair to wear when she was playing the organ. You see, playing a church organ typically means you are playing pedals with your feet, while also playing keys with your fingers (an amazing feat, if you ask me.) In order to play organ pedals with your feet, you have to wear somewhat narrow shoes, which explains why my mother typically took two pairs of shoes to church on Sundays. My earliest memory of being confused at church is: *"Hey, why is Mom taking two pairs of shoes to church? Should I be taking two pairs of shoes too? Is taking two pairs of shoes a "church-thing?"*

Of course, over the ensuing years, and even to this present day, there are still "church-things" that are confusing. Over the years I've heard questions such as: *"How can God be 3-in-one?"* (Trinity) *"Why do we do a Call to Worship?"* *"What is the*

meaning of communion?" *"Why do the colors change (vestments) in the sanctuary?"* More significantly, *"Why do bad things happen to good people?"* *"Where was God when I was suffering?"*

As human beings, there are likely questions that won't be fully answered in this lifetime. After all, if we understood all matters related to God and church, we would be on the same level as God. And yet, we *can* find answers together. In fact, I find fellowship, strength, inspiration, and yes....fun in finding answers together when I'm part of an inquisitive church family.

What are your questions? What confuses you about your faith experience, God and church? Being part of a church means companionship. Being part of a church family means asking questions and working to discover answers together.

Let's learn together! Let's gather in-person and online in the New Year to learn, laugh, and discover together. And of course, I am very happy to speak with you privately if you'd like to toss around questions and answers together. Just let me know.

Peace and Grace,
Pastor Steve





PFPP contact info: 24-Hour helpline: 1-800-863-9909 or Partnersforpeaceme.org.

For the month of January the requested items is: bathroom toilet paper

Thank you for your faithful support.

Donations can be dropped off at the CUMC office Mondays, Wednesdays from 9am to 12 noon.

Administrative Assistant

I am sending along best wishes to all our readership for a blessed, healthy and safe 2025!

We may not know what is coming our way in this new year, but we can be confident in an almighty God who is good, faithful, trustworthy, and One who loves us with an everlasting love.

A very wise, elderly preacher was once quoted as saying “The hand of faith that reaches out to God will never return empty”.

Del Januskiewicz, AA



Please be in prayer for the following: Joyce Boone, George Ritz, Nancy Campbell, Ruth Robbins, Bev Tate, Sherwood Megquier - health & strength, Craig McCorrison eyesight, **the moral and spiritual health of our nation, God’s continued protection on Israel**, Heather Cox (health miracle), Pastor Steve’s mother-in-law, those dealing with depression, illnesses or life crises, a smooth transition of presidential leadership for the USA, families dealing with the deaths and injuries sustained in New Orleans attack.



Come join other folks 55+ on Monday, January 6th and Monday, January 27th at 12noon at the Corinth United Methodist Church 275 Main St. Enjoy a delicious meal, interactive conversation, friendship building, shared photos and family stories in a warm, welcoming atmosphere!

REMINDERS:

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

A modest donation of \$3.00 is suggested for meals. Menus are subject to change.

Weather cancellations are possible during the winter months.

Due to severe allergic reactions by some you are asked to refrain from wearing any fragrance when attending the Meals for Friends luncheons.



Many people do not attend church because they will say; "I have never been invited."

As we march into a brand new year; full of hope, promise, uncertainty, and yes, even calamity consider this your personal invitation to attend church this Sunday. I am confident the building will **not** fall down.

The Corinth United Methodist Church family gathers at 9:00am each Sunday.

Consider joining us either in-person or live on Facebook!

You can also view previously recorded services at our website: corinthunitedmethodist.com

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You've Been Graced Ministry Outreach

The folks of Corinth United Methodist Church want to express their appreciation and gratitude to those who faithfully and tirelessly serve in our community.

It was a blessing to share church thank you cards and Dunkin' gift certificates with Hall's Bus Service in Corinth on December 16th as part of our "You've Been Graced" ministry. We appreciate your service to our kids and community!



- 2 Brandon Leighton
- 8 John French
- 9 Tammy Campbell
- 14 Joe Sawyer

Anniversary: 1/15 Bruce & Bonnie Tilton

Winter in Maine in all of its quaintness and charm!



Winter Wonderland?

Here we go again! Yep, it's every Mainer's frustration, but it comes with the changes of seasons. Have you stocked up on rock or treated sand?

Always remember to keep your dooryards, walkways and areas around the mailboxes clear of ice and snow for your own safety. The mail delivery personnel, the oil and propane delivery people, and those FedEx and UPS folks will all appreciate it!



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