

Corinth United Methodist Church

Good News Gazette

May 2023 Issue



“Whoa! Where’d that wind come from??”

Those were my words when we walked out of Lowes a while ago. We had just picked-up a new screen door, which was wrapped in plastic. On the way into the store, it seemed there was barely a breeze. But walking out of the store, the wrapped door provided a large space to blow against, which made the wind much more noticeable. In fact, since the breeze had become more powerful as it was blowing against increased surface space, the wind even knocked me off course a bit as I walked toward my truck. I guess that’s the idea of a sail on a sailboat, right? Create a large surface space for the wind, and the wind will power your boat.

Jesus likened the Holy Spirit to wind in John 3:8 *“The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”*

As we enter the month of May, we would do well to create lots of “surface space” in our lives so that the Holy Spirit will impact, move and direct us, perhaps even knock us off course a bit and point us in a faithful direction. And how do we create more surface space? Perhaps through this simple prayer: *Faithful God, we open wide our lives and our beloved church to you, inviting the Holy Spirit to impact and direct us. How may we be guided for your purposes this month? Amen.*

Peace and Grace,
Pastor Steve



From your Lay Leader

After a rainy April, I'm looking forward to May flowers. The grass is green, frogs peeping and some leaves have appeared. May has Mother's Day and Pentecost. A lot of us have special loving memories of our mom's. We are blessed! Some weren't so lucky, had inadequate mothers, but other women stepped up to show love and guidance. We are thankful for mothers.

Pentecost was the day the Holy Spirit came to dwell with Christ followers. A mighty wind, appearance of tongues of fire over the people, many languages spoken at once. Probably confusion and bewilderment. Praise God for Pentecost! We can enjoy an ongoing relationship with Jesus because of the Holy Spirit, being led by the Spirit and filled by the Spirit. Acts 2:2 *"Suddenly a sound like the blowing wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting"*.



I hope May will be a beautiful, happy time for us all.
Nancy A. Bond, LL



Spotlight on Country Junction Greenhouse & Gardens
Bradford, Maine

Sally Smith is a vital member of this family-owned business as well as a member of CUMC. In addition, Sally plants and tends to the flowers on the Church grounds.

Hello there Corinth Methodist Church, and Happy Spring! We're so excited that the snow is gone, the temperature is rising and the greenhouse is bustling. Jay and I are so pleased to be back in action, running the greenhouse especially because that means some hard earned down time for Grandma Sally. Although as you all know she's hardly ever down. She finally has the time to grow everything she's wanted in her own garden but has also found the time to start seeds, make several trips to the hardware store, answer endless calls and emails for me, and overall keep us in order. We couldn't do it without her!

The Lord has certainly had His hand in every aspect of the greenhouse. We had a baker built that will provide even more space for growing, and He also blessed us with my sister in law Heather being able to help us every week. I can clearly see His strength in all of us as we work each day!

Our open greenhouse week is May 7th- May 14th we are bursting at the seams with flowers and veggie seedlings, we also have lots of new perennials this year, as well as shrubs and fruit trees. We do have seeds and soil now and can't wait to start seeing everyone again! Don't forget about our vegetable stand as the summer commences because we plan to grow an even larger garden this year.

Thank you all for the love and support you showered on our family last year. We appreciate you all so much. Your Friends, Jay and Bekah.

If you would like to view a short video about Corinth, Maine 04427 (see the youtube video)

<https://youtu.be/CgXJ-mysk4o>



Mark your calendars!

Seniors 55+ are invited to gather for a delicious meal, coffee, dessert and fellowship. Monday, May 8th and Monday, May 22nd at 12noon. To-go meals are also available. Call the church @207-285-3557, from 9:30-10:30am on those dates to make your reservations. A modest donation of \$3.00 is suggested.

NOTE: For the months of June, July or August a meal will be offered only one time each month.

Date and menu information will be forthcoming.



PPF contact info: 24-Hour helpline: 1-800-8639909 or Partnersforpeaceme.org.

For the month of May the requested item is: dish soap. Thank you for your support.



From the Administrative Assistant

Jeremiah 9: 23-24

This is what the Lord says: "Let not a wise man boast in his wisdom or the strong man boast in his strength or the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast of this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord, who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for I delight in these things," declares the Lord.

Del Januskiewicz, AA



Please be in prayer for the following: the families of slain shooting victims in Bowdoin, ME and the families of those shot at in Yarmouth, ME, Heather Cox (health miracle), Pastor Steve's mother-in-law, those dealing with illness or life crises, the war in Ukraine, the rise of violence in America, the spiritual health of our nation.



Beans, Pie, etc. Drive-Thru

What: homemade beans, pies, cornbread available for suggested donations.
Beans, \$6.00 per pint, Pies per slice \$2.50 or Whole \$12.00, Cornbread \$1.00 per piece.

When: Saturday, May 20th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Where: Corinth United Methodist Church parking lot
Patrons can remain in their vehicles.



- 2 Wendy Shea
- 4 Ben Darling
- 7 Sally Smith
- 23 Dannie Darling

- 26 Rikki Luff
- 28 Dan Kusnierz
- 29 Ben Brewer



Bangor First United Methodist Church will be hosting the 2023 Vacation Bible School - July 7/10 – 7/12 Monday-Wednesday. More information to come in next month's *Gazette* .



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office open 9am-12noon 6-7pm Cub Scouts	2	3 5:30 – 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop #1561	4	5	6

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>7 9AM in-person Worship or on Facebook Communion Sunday</p>	<p>8 Office open 9am-12noon 12noon Meals for Friends 6-7pm Cub Scouts #53</p>	<p>9 9am-6pm W.I.C.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 6:00 – 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop #878</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 9AM in-person Worship or on Facebook Discretionary offering received</p> 	<p>15 Office open 9am-12noon 6-7pm Cub Scouts #53</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 5:30 – 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop #1561</p>	<p>18 6:00pm ADCO mtg.</p>	<p>19</p>	 <p>1-3pm Bean & Pie Drive-thru</p>
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Return Service Requested



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