



A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible -- Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse. Little Gary was excited about the task, but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, young Gary quite nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my shepherd . . . and that's all I need to know!"

Lots of wisdom in Gary's statement, don't you think? Indeed, the six verses found in the 23rd Psalm contain comforting, assurance, inspiring words. But as Gary indicated, knowing the Lord is your shepherd pretty much summarizes the psalm. In fact, "The Lord is my shepherd" cuts right to the heart of the entire Biblical text. From Genesis to Malachi, the Old Testament story reminds us of how God was with humankind right from the beginning. When people lost their way, prophets came along and pointed them back toward their ever-present God. And from Matthew to Revelation the truth of the incarnation, God with us in Jesus, is woven throughout the 27 books of the New Testament.

"The Lord is my shepherd..." perhaps that's all we really need as we journey through the month of September together. Enjoy this beautiful time of year, and...thanks, Gary!



Our **fellowship/study group** at Corinth UMC meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30 at church/in-person. The first meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 14th @7:00pm. We will dive into the incredible book of John, using "John: The Gospel of Light and Love" by Adam Hamilton.



From your Lay Leader

Hello friends, hope you're enjoying the lovely weather we've had.

Kids are going back to school. Please be aware of school bus stops and kids walking. We want all to be safe.

I saw an article in my Wesleyan monthly about kids and parents. It read as follows, "As parents, we often give our kids subtle tests". Before they are given complete freedom to do certain things, we often want to see how they'll do with smaller things. Even after explaining certain things, kids often forget, they get distracted so we don't unlock their freedom wholly. The article goes on to say, "Kids are not alone; the writer believes God chastens too! He will test our hearts and discipline us when our hearts and character does not align with His. Like kids, we need to be disciplined for our own good. Sometimes it hurts and we feel it holds us back from our growth. Just the opposite! He loves us and chastises us to bring us into alignment with His goals for us. It is to protect and guide us. I believe this is true. Like kids we don't like to be disciplined. When we listen and follow God we are much better off. Proverbs 22:6 says *"Start a child off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it"*. You might get the idea from this verse that if you teach a child correctly, when they are older they will follow everything we taught them. This would be great if it were true. However this is not the meaning of the verse. It would be nice if all that was needed for a child to remain faithful to God throughout his/her adult life were parents who modeled and taught what it means to be a Christian. Not! God has given each of us free will to either accept or reject Him. Our teachings help, but it is what is in our hearts and our relationships with Jesus that sets us apart as His children. If we are taught or learn on our own about Christ like examples, Godly ways to be loving and respectful of each other, worshipping God and seeking His will for us will help make our lives more meaningful, and our days happier, more peaceful, joyful and help show thru us more of Christ!

As I think of kids going back to school I remember we as adults still need learning. It is just as easy for us to forget and be distracted. Please God, help us keep our eyes on You, learn or remember what Your Word says to us, and be willing to follow You, reach out to others and act as Your disciple.

It has been a lovely summer and I have really enjoyed the heat myself. Now another season nears and we must be willing to change and go into it with willing minds and hearts. Enjoy!

Nancy A. Bond, Lay Leader



Students, teachers, staff, bus drivers, crossing guards, support staff, and administrators.



The Corinth United Methodist Church family and friends gather at 9:00am each Sunday.
We are located at 275 Main Street (on Rte. 15 directly across from the Corinth Post Office)

Consider this your personal invitation to join us either in-person or live on Facebook!

CDC guidelines are observed.

You can also view previously recorded services at our website: corinthunitedmethodist.com
Each Wednesday (starting Wed. Sept. 14th @7pm) an informal, in-person fellowship/study is offered.

Otherwise start time will be @6:30pm.

Sign up for free email devotionals offered every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

What a great way to start your day with a *nugget* of practical, inspirational insight!

Contact the church office (285-3557 or del@corinthumc.net) to have your name added to that email distribution list.


From your Administrative Assistant

In the midst of life's struggles and unanticipated calamities, remembering you are a child of God can be your daily joy, strength, and peace! Read the Gospel of John chapter 3 verse 16.

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NOTE: Schools are back in session. Watch for student walkers as well as for those bright, yellow busses with



their flashing stop signs.  **REMEMBER:** Motorists are required to stop for school buses that are receiving or discharging passengers. If you don't, a \$250.00 minimum fine for the first offense and a mandatory 30-day suspension of a driver's license for a 2nd offense occurring within 3 years of the first offense. Some communities have cameras on board their buses.

Be extra cautious driving through the reduced school speed limit zones! We have two (2) here in Corinth.

I came across these signs posted on the internet recently and thought you might get a chuckle or relate to them.

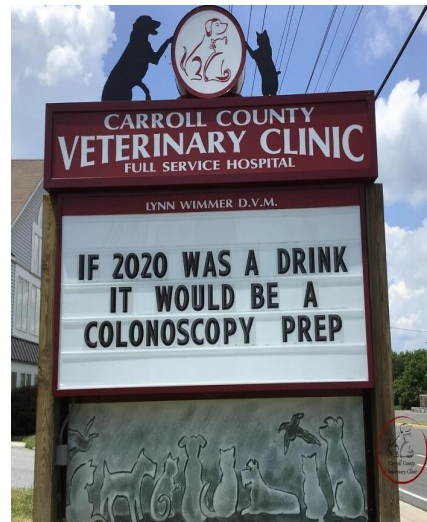
For all the dog lovers out there:



For the cat lovers of the world:



For those who have not-so-fond memories of the pandemic and how it impacted your daily life, or for those who have had to endure the experience:





If you enjoy seeking out and exploring the majestic and picturesque lighthouses of Maine, circle September 10, 2022 on your calendar. Whether you are an ole' salt or land-lubber, this would make for a great day trip. The popular event, which is sponsored by the United States Coast Guard, the Maine Office of Tourism and the American Lighthouse Foundation, attracts between 15,000 to 18,000 visitors each year and offers the general public the rare opportunity to climb and learn about over two dozen historic Maine lights. Following is a partial list of participating lighthouses as of 8/10/22: Burnt Coat Harbor lighthouse (Swan's Island, offshore); Curtis Island lighthouse (Camden Harbor, offshore); Dyce Head lighthouse (Castine, land-based); Fort Point lighthouse Stockton Springs, land-based); Goat Island lighthouse (Cape Porpoise, offshore); Grindle Point lighthouse (Islesboro, offshore); Kennebeck River River Range Front & Rear lights (Arrowsic, land-based); Marshall Point lighthouse (Port Clyde, land-based); Moose Peak lighthouse (Mistake Island, offshore); Owls Head lighthouse (Owls Head land-based); Pemaquid Point lighthouse (Bristol, land-based); Portland Breakwater lighthouse (South Portland, land-based); Squirrel Point Light (Arrowsic, land-based); West Quoddy Head lighthouse (Lubec, land-based).

For additional info - <https://lighthousefoundation.org/maine-open-lighthouse-day/>



Please be in prayer for the following ...Pastor Steve Smith's mother-in-law; Alice Smith-Morris, Clara Walton, George R. eye surgery recovery, Violet Ducharme and family; the spiritual health of our nation; the Ukraine/Russia conflict; God's peace for life crises, those dealing with covid or other health issues.



PFP contact info: 24-Hour helpline: 1-800-863-9909 or www.partnersforpeaceme.org.

PO Box 653 Bangor, ME 04402

For September the requested item is: toothpaste.

Thank you for your continued faithful support and generous participation.



The deadline to submit information for the next issue is Monday, Sept. 19, 2022.

Send your copy to – del@corinthumc.net.

... are you CLYNK-ing?



Many folks donate their returnable bottles and cans to the church Mission Fund, by placing these in green CLYNK donation bags and delivering the returnables to Hannaford Stores properly tagged to be credited to Corinth United Methodist Church. Bags are available at the Church. Thanks for your participation!

SEPTEMBER



Birthdays

9	George Ritz
15	Jamie Dunton
16	Jacob Leighton
19	Sherwood Megquier
21	Gary Kingsbury
24	Ruth Robbins
26	Lois Crane
30	Bob Thompson

Anniversaries

5	Dwayne & Susan King
7	Pastor Steve & Judy
25	Val & Christine McCorrison
25	Bob & Kristen Thompson

Meals for Friends



Many have asked when indoor meals will resume.

For September the Meals for Friends events will be an indoor, sit-down lunch. Two are planned: Monday, September 12th and Monday September 26th.

Mark your calendars.

NOTE: The September lunches will be on a trial basis to chart attendance and to see if there is interest for the future.

The kitchen crew and church staff looks forward to seeing your sun-tanned, smiling faces once again.

Call the church office (207-285-3557) between 9:30am and 10:30am for your reservation. A \$3.00 donation is suggested (age 55+).

REMINDERS: Due to respiratory sensitivities to certain perfumes or fragrances that affect some people,

you are kindly asked to refrain from wearing any fragrance when attending the lunches.
 As always, school cancellation, severe, inclement weather or a spike in covid outbreaks will dictate event scheduling.
 Thank you for your understanding and consideration.



Beans, Pies Drive-thru event

Saturday, September 10, 2022 is the next offering. Stop by to pick up a hearty, delicious lunch or supper meal of homemade beans, homemade pies, and cornbread. All proceeds support church ministries.

September

How do you view Sunday's?

DO you see Sunday as the end of a week – a chance to sleep in, do “nothing,” relax and play, or just bask in some well-deserved me time. Does Sunday feel “heavy” because the onslaught of another workweek is approaching?




Or do you view Sunday as a fresh start to the week, a privilege and freedom to gather with others of like faith, a chance to encourage someone with a smile, a kind word or deed, and most importantly to honor and give thanks to God for His marvelous lovingkindness, abundant grace, mercy and provision showered on your life over the past several days, then it can be exciting. Of course, you can acknowledge HIM any day of the week.

God invites you to enjoy this special day each and every week.
 It's all a matter of perspective.



2022 Calendar of events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9AM in-person Worship or on Facebook Communion Sunday	5  Church Office open 9-12noon	6	7 Pastor & Judy anniversary	8	9	10 1-3pm Bean, Pie drive-thru
11 9AM in-person Worship or on Facebook Discretionary Fund received Never Forget 9/11 	12 Church Office open 9-12noon 12noon Meals for Friends	13 9am-6pm W.I.C.	14 7:00pm Fellowship/ study	15 SPRC mtg. before ADCO 6:00pm ADCO meeting	16	17
18 9AM in-person Worship or on Facebook	19 Church Office open 9-12noon 9am Newsletter deadline	20	21 6:30pm Fellowship/ study	22 Fall begins 	23	24
25 9AM in-person Worship or on Facebook	26 Church Office open 9-12noon 12noon Meals for Friends	27	28 6:30pm Fellowship/ study	29	30	

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