

THEY LOVED THE FOOD



Feeding our public service people on June 24. The food was great and everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you helping with this project.

The Trustees
This committee is looking at replacing several lights with LEDs. Not only will it save money but they will be much brighter.
Mike Bodkin was welcomed to the board to replace Sandra Woodward.
The sign and lower steps will be repaired by Mike Francis.
Many other projects were discussed and awaiting further information and/or pricing.



The beautiful St. Croix River in Baring

 Poor Pastor Matt has had a rough week suffering with "pink eye." I apologize for the picture, but I couldn't resist. Lydia is the only one to escape this miserable stuff. Feel better soon!!!!



Commercial We Never Hope To See On TV

"Hello, I'm Noah. I'm here to talk to you about irregularity. As you probably know irregularity is no fun. It's worse than being cooped up with an ark full of smelly animals. That's why, if you're feeling a bit bound up, I urge you to try my new Noah's Laxative! Just look for the box with the big rainbow on it. Then take the tablets two by two, and you'll receive up to 40 days of gentle, effective relief. That's a promise. Just make sure that when the flood eventually hits, you're in the right place!"





THE CHURCH MOUSE

Have you missed me? I hope so because I've missed you. When did life start getting so busy? How come I don't have time to do everything that needs to be done? Are you having this problem?

Well, I've come to a conclusion....it's old age. I take more time going from one room to another trying to remember what I've forgotten. I went into my tiny kitchen the other day looking for my glasses. I knew I had them while I was making cookies. I need them to read the recipes. (another sign I'm getting older) I looked that kitchen high and low, even in the oven. No glasses. I asked the kids, and they laughed. Why? They were on my head. How many times have I done that....many, many.

I made a chocolate cake the other day; only it came out white. Hmmm. I forgot the cocoa! I could find the blue sheets for the bed; they were on the bed I'd just made.

What I can't figure out is if this is a natural occurrence as we get older or if I just have too much on "my plate." Now I admit I've slowed down some and I've passed the Social Security benefit age but my head tells me I'm 40 and my body argues its way higher. I don't remember this happening?

So as I sit here writing this little column I'm wondering if this has happened to you? Is there a cure?

So until next month, I am going to carry on as if I am normal. What is normal?



Our new Prayer Room at the right of the pulpit area. If you have a need to pray, a quiet place of reflection, or time to talk with God this room is opened for all to use.



Thank you to Cassidy Carr for bringing the need of plastic bags to the attention of the Calais Elementary School. These bags are used in the Food Pantry.

THIS 'N THAT

Great to see old friends back for the summer. Hello again to Bruce & Sharon Bailey, Ada Taber, Bill & Sandy Quigley, Dennis & Chris Gillespie, and Bill Gibson.

Bud Barnard is home again. Bud has been a rehab patient at Marshall Nursing Home in Machias. Since returning home, he and Irene have received word that their apartment will be ready at Methodist Homes. They plan to move the first part of July.

Heidi Fitch recently had a biopsy done; no cancer was found. God is Good!!!!!!!

Sorry to report that Issie Gibson took a fall at home last week. She is very sore from this but improving slowly. We are thinking of you, Issie, and we miss you.

Keep Judy Antonello in prayer. On July 1 she will be undergoing cardiac testing at Eastern Maine Medical Center.

Sympathy is extended to Barry & Linda Baniszkeski for the loss of their 34 year old daughter. Our heartfelt prayers are extended to you.

John Benner has moved to the Bridge Home on North Street. Happy New Home, John.

Tommy Wilson recently was a patient at Machias Hospital to have shoulder surgery. Get well soon, Tommy.

We miss seeing Joanne Wheelock every week. She has been having multiple medical problems. Come back soon, Joanne.

Ann Brackett recently traveled to Pennsylvania for an eye check-up. Ann had a cancer behind her eye but has continued to do well.

So many people traveling I can't remember who or where they're going. So with that being said, praying that each and every one returns to us safe and sound.

Karen Hastings has taken up residence at her summer cottage in St. Andrews. We miss you already, Karen.

Dear Pastor,

There are 566 members in our church, but 100 are frail and elderly. That leaves 466 to do all the work.

However, 80 are young people away at college. That leaves 386 to do all the work.

However, 150 of them are tired businessmen, so that leaves 236 to do all the work.

150 are housewives with children. That leaves 86 to do all the work.

There are also 44 members who have other important interests. Which leaves 40 to do the work, but 15 live too far away to come regularly. So that leaves 25 people to do all the work.

And 23 of them say they've done their part. So, Pastor, that leaves you and me and frankly, I'm exhausted.

Good luck to you.

A Parishioner

THE PEW REVIEW

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O God, I thank you for my country. I thank you for the freedoms I enjoy. May we be a country that continues to stand for the principles of freedom and justice. In Jesus' name. Amen

Quotes for The Fourth of July

- “You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4th, not with a parade of gun, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism.” (Erma Bombeck)
- “Where liberty dwells, there is my country.” (Benjamin Franklin)
- “May the sun in his course visit no land more free, more happy, more lovely, than this our own country.” (Daniel Webster)
- “In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved.” (Franklin Roosevelt)
- “Freedom us the open window through which pours the sunlight of the human spirit and human dignity.” (Herbert Hoover)



What a blessing it is to have a Best Friend who touches your life and leaves a pawprint on your heart forever.



This painting of the church was given to us by Thomas Brennan, a local artist. It now hangs in our front entrance. Thank you, Mr. Brennan.