

# News from the AKS

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## Holy Week & Easter Worship Schedule

This year's schedule for Holy Week and Easter is a tad different than usual so please mark your calendars so you don't miss anything!



Palm Sunday Worship 10AM

Maundy Thursday Worship 7PM  
Communion and Foot Washing Service

Good Friday Service 7PM

Holy Saturday Prayer Time

The sanctuary will be open all day for prayer.

Easter flowers due in by 2PM



Easter Sunday Worship

Early Service 7:30AM

Easter Breakfast 8:00AM

Easter Worship 10:00AM with Communion

## United Methodist Special Sundays

This year we are celebrating all six of the UM Special Offering Sundays. April is Native American Ministries Sunday. This special offering supports the UMC efforts to assist our Native American brothers and sisters. A special offering envelope will be available for use in your April 19<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

April 26<sup>th</sup> is also Heritage Sunday. This year Jan Osborn will be introducing our Parish Nurse Program to the community during worship. Don't miss this special day!



## Easter Flowers

If you are planning to place flowers in the sanctuary for Easter please have them delivered by **2PM on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** to allow the Worship Committee time arrange them, and to allow for inclusion in the bulletin on Sunday. We need to know who they are in memory/honor of, and who placed them. Thanks.



## Summer Music Program

Music is such a big part of our worship service as we are led into God's presence. During the summer months our Choir takes a well deserved break from singing each week during worship. This is a great time for the rest of us to step up and provide special music in worship. If you would like to participate, please speak with Ginny Merritt, our Music Director. She will be thrilled to help you plan your special offering. Also during the summer we add a third hymn to our service; the Congregations Choice! Be ready to let us know what your favorite hymn is so we can sing it with you.

## Graduates Wanted

Believe it or not, it is almost time to celebrate those who will be graduating from Middle School, High School, and College. If someone in your family is in this group, please let Pastor Sue know soon so we can include them in our celebration.

## Coming Attractions!

Don't miss these special events at our church!

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Golden Cross Sunday supports our Maine Conference Retirement Home in Rockland. They are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 16<sup>th</sup>!

May 10<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day

May 24<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day Sunday

May 31<sup>st</sup> – Pentecost – Wear Red!

## April Service Assistants

### Lectors:

4/5: Carole Catteau  
4/12: Rev. Butch Merritt  
4/19: Kathy Chase  
4/26: Arlene Meader

### Nursery Care:

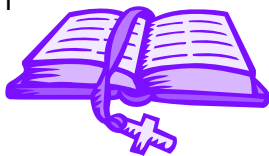
4/5: Morgan Pullen  
4/12: Melody Brann  
4/19: Helen Willett  
4/26: Lisa Proctor

### Coffee Hour Hosts:

4/5: Jane Furbush & Joanne Cook  
4/12: No Coffee Hour  
4/19: Ida Bailey & Karen Connor  
4/26: Margaret & Jennifer Johnston

## Lectionary Readings for April:

4/5: Ps. 118; Is. 50:4-9; Phil 2:5-11; John 12:12-16  
4/12: Ps. 118; Acts 10:34-43; I Cor. 15:1-11;  
John 20:1-18.  
4/19: Ps. 133; Acts 4:32-35; I  
John 1:1-2:2;  
John 20:19-31.  
4/26: Ps. 4; Acts 3:12-19;  
I John 3:1-7;  
Luke 24:36-48.



## United Methodist Women

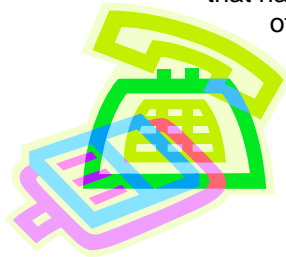
The UMW will not be meeting in April because so many of our members will be away on much deserved break. Our next meeting will be on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Administrative Board Meeting

The Administrative Board has changed its meeting schedule to every other month beginning with this month's meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM. Just to remind you, all Chairpersons of standing committees, boards and agencies of the church are requested to attend the Board meetings and to be prepared to report to the Board on the activities of their group. This is important to keep the lines of communication flowing.

## Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet on **Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at the Parsonage.** Some of the projects that have been accomplished are the replacement of the lock on the Vestry Door. New keys are available from Pastor Sue. A new light has been installed over the Parsonage Garage, and a new Garage Door Opener has also been installed. Some electrical work needed in the parsonage is also under way.



## Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance Committee will meet on **Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the Parsonage.** We continue to keep a close eye on our financial condition as we move into the summer months when attendance and giving historically go down. Unfortunately our regular expenses such as salaries, utilities, etc. don't take the same vacation. Please try to keep up with your regular offering, even if you're not in church every week.

## Pastor Sue on Vacation

Pastor Sue will be taking the week after Easter off and will be away through Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. In case of a Pastoral emergency, please call our Lay Leader, Jan Osborn, at 465-3247 (Home) or 873-3615 (Work) for assistance.

## Membership Care & Nurture Committee

Our Membership Care & Nurture Committee has been very busy putting together new Welcome Kits for visitors to our church. They are also in the process of planning a new Church Directory that will be created in June. Don't miss out on getting your family included. Watch for details. Our next meeting is on **Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Parsonage.**

## Staff Parish Relations Committee

The SPRC is the liaison committee between paid staff and the church. If you have a concern, or if you want to say "Thanks," this is the group you want to talk with. Kathy Chase chairs the SPRC, and will be happy to talk with you anytime. Our next meeting is on **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 4PM at the Parsonage.**

### Soup & Sandwich Social Program

Janie Hassin-Knight has come up with a new name for our Free Lunch Program which says a lot more about its purpose. Over the past several months this program has been building and we now average about twenty people a month who come to eat, and socialize. Everyone is invited. If you would like to help with the luncheon, please contact

Ramona Freeman. Ramona coordinates the menu, set-up crew, and kitchen help.

Thanks to all who have volunteered so far to make this a success!



### Soup & Sandwich Social Program April 8, 2009

- Main Dishes: Beef Stew  
Corn Chowder  
Tomato Vegetable Soup
- Breads: Homemade Bread  
Bakewell Cream Biscuits
- Desserts: 1-2-3-4 Squares (blueberry or cherry)  
Chocolate Cake with Mocha Frosting



**Program has Changed**

Shaw's has revamped their non-profit rewards program so we are no longer collecting receipts. To continue to support this program you will need to get a new Shaw's Rewards card (even if you already have one). Once you've got your new card you must go online and link your card to the church's Neighborhood Rewards number (#49001018863) to have your shopping count toward the church's account. (Instructions below) In addition only purchases made on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be counted.

When you have your new card you can go to [www.shaws.com](http://www.shaws.com) and click on Shaw's Cares and

then Neighborhood Rewards to get to the Shopper's Login or Register with your Shaw's Rewards Card login. Once you've logged in, click Sign Me Up and follow the instructions to link your card to OAKS Neighborhood Rewards ID # 49001018863 and then choose the percentage of your shopping dollars you want assigned to OAKS. If you need help getting this part done Ramona Freeman and Edna Comstock have offered to help get you signed up. In fact Ramona has already helped a couple of people through the process. Then all you have to do is remember to shop on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday when you want to share your shopping rewards with OAKS.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry Reminder

A reminder from the Prayer Shawl Ministry Team that all are welcome to request Prayer Shawls for themselves, family members and others whom they feel could benefit from having the support of a Prayer Shawl. There is no charge for the shawls and you need only contact Joanne Cook (873-5575) to make arrangements to get one.



The members of our Prayer Shawl ministry meet the second Monday of each month to knit and crochet prayer shawls for those who are sick, shut-in or grieving. Prayer shawls are also available for anyone who would like to commemorate a special occasions such as a birthday, anniversary or graduation. There is no charge for a prayer shawl but the ladies involved in the ministry do appreciate gifts of yarn or money to purchase yarn for the shawls. If you are interested in joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry or have need of a Prayer Shawl please contact Joanne Cook at 873-5575.

### Prayer List

- Betty Chadbourne
- Roberta Fisher
- Geneva Fitch
- Connie Huntley
- Ken & Thelma Philbrick
- Louise Pullen
- "Mac" McDougall

Bishop Peter Weaver  
D.S. Beverly Stenmark  
Our Church & Pastor





# Invitation to Bishop Day on the District

## Living a... “YES We Can” Faith in “NO We Can’t” Times

We will look at “current realities” of our world and churches and how to develop faith that is energized by the Spirit, engaged in mission, and rethinking what it means to be “church” in these “NO We Can’t Times.”

Saturday April 18, 2009 held at  
Highland Ave. UMC in Gardiner, Maine



### *Schedule of events*

- 10:30—12:30 Bishop with Clergy
- 12:30—1:30 Luncheon with Bishop, Clergy and *Laity*
- 1:30—3:30 Bishop with *Laity* and Clergy

Please **RSVP** for lunch before April 8th to Lori at the District Office: **207-395-4080** or email at **mmedist@roadrunner.com**.

*There will be a donation basket to help cover the costs of lunch*

***We look forward to seeing you there!!!***

# April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Girl Scouts 3pm	<b>2</b> Brownies 3pm Administrative Board 7pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> UMM 7:30am
<b>5</b> Palm Sunday	<b>6</b> Trustees 7pm Parsonage Beverly Libby	<b>7</b> Daisies 3pm Boy Scouts 6:30pm Prayer Group 7pm Parsonage	<b>8</b> Soup & Sandwich Social 12pm Finance Committee 7pm Parsonage Kristen Ray	<b>9</b> Brownies 3pm Maunday Thursday Service 7pm	<b>10</b> Good Friday Service 7pm Lindsay Begley Paige Begley	<b>11</b> Easter Flowers due by 2pm Kalianna Tibbetts
<b>12</b> EASTER Early Worship 7:30am Breakfast 8am Worship 10am Nancy Burwood	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Daisies 3pm Boy Scouts 6:30pm Prayer Group 7pm Philip Sprague	<b>15</b> Girl Scouts 3pm Debbie Gillis	<b>16</b> Brownies 3PM	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
Pastor Sue on vacation through April 19th						
<b>19</b> Mike Porter	<b>20</b> Membership Care & Nurture 7PM Parsonage	<b>21</b> Daisies 3PM Boy Scouts 6:30pm Prayer Group 7pm Parsonage	<b>22</b> Elva Miller	<b>23</b> Brownies 3PM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Claudette Carr Jane Furbush Henry & Priscilla Bacon
<b>26</b> Native American Ministries & Heritage Sunday SPRC 4PM Parsonage	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Daisies 3PM Boy Scouts 6:30pm Prayer Group 7pm Parsonage	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Brownies 3pm Charles Pullen		

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