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MORE!

As I recently cleaned out my desk in the church office, I came upon the very first newsletter we shared as my appointment to LUMC began in 2015. I included this story entitled “Hog Time”:

There’s a folksy story about a busy young man who came up behind a poor farmer who was taking his hog to market. The market was a few miles away, and as the young man walked briskly, he got closer to the slow-moving farmer and caught sight of a spectacle.

The farmer was picking up this enormous hog, carrying it about twenty feet, and then dropping it in exhaustion. Then the farmer would wipe the sweat from his brow, take a few minutes to catch his breath, and pick up the hog again.

This sight caused the young man to comment. “That is the most inefficient way to get a hog to market that I’ve ever seen. The market’s a half hour away but this is going to take you all day. Why don’t you just let the hog walk?”

To which the farmer replied, “Well shucks, son, time ain’t nothing to a hog!”

Time, it seems, “ain’t nothing” to any of us sometimes! How quickly these eleven years of ministry have flown by and now it is time to bid one another farewell.

Words cannot begin to express my gratitude to each of you for the ministry and friendship we have shared. When we arrived back in Maine in 2015, we were grateful to have come home after six years away but it didn’t take us long to realize that we had not only been able to come home – but we came home to you! We have loved living in Lisbon Falls but, even more, we have loved getting to know and be in ministry with each of you.

It is my prayer that we have done good things for God’s Kingdom together in

MOTHER'S DAY THANK YOU

Many thanks to Lola Carlson who, once again this year, provided roses for worship on Mother's Day for each one of the moms, grandmothers, and great grandmothers in our sanctuary! And many thanks to Jen Morgan who created the pretty Mother's Day greeting tied onto each rose. Our Nurture Committee members Peggy Shaw, chairperson, Carolyn Jones, and Margaret Logan helped with preparations for this special celebration as well. We appreciate you all and your kindness and thoughtfulness!

NEW ENGLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION

The annual conference session of the New England Annual Conference will be held beginning with the clergy session on Wednesday, June 3 and concluding on Saturday, June 6. Pastor Elizabeth will be attending the conference in person once again this year.

As they are each year, the days will be long for the conference session and your prayers for this time for our Bishop and all the lay and clergy delegates from around New England will be appreciated.

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

We will celebrate our dads and granddads on Sunday, June 21st with a special prayer, and, new this year, with special words of thanksgiving from a few individuals in our church family, and also by putting photos of our beloveds on our screen.

Please email or text your photos to Verne along with the names clearly stated before Thursday, June 18th. If you would rather bring your photos to Verne so that he can take a screenshot of it/them, please do so on Sunday, June 14th so that he will have time to organize all the photos prior to June 21st.

*"The flowers appear
on the Earth; the
time of the singing
of birds is come, and
the voice of the tur-
tle is heard in our
land"*

*~Song of Solomon
2:12KJV*



A NOTE FROM PASTOR ELIZABETH

Verne and I will share our last service of worship with the LUMC church family on June 21st. Although I am still appointed to LUMC until my retirement date of June 30th, I am, according to the Bishop's office, responsible only for emergency pastoral care from June 21st to the end of the month which will allow us time to move to our new home. I will continue to send out any prayer requests and updates that may arise and will make hospital calls. Pastor Jen begins her appointment with you on July 1st.

NUTURE COMMITTEE

Happy Spring!!

The Nurture committee met after worship Sunday May 17th.

Thank you to everyone who participated in making this year's Spring Fling a huge success!

For Mother's Day, Lola Carlson provided roses to recognize our mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers, and Jennifer Morgan printed a beautiful tag for each flower. Thank you to everyone who helped with this thoughtful gift.

During the Mother's Day worship service, Trudy Duval and Jennifer Morgan shared lovely memories of their mothers with the congregation. Additionally, Verne provided a touching slide show featuring photos of those who have passed and those who are still with us.

Nurture will be joining the Evening Circle to plan a retirement gathering for our Pastor for June 13th.

Best regards,

Peggy Shaw



Some of the beautiful plants that were available at the Spring Fling!

FROM YOUR PASTOR, CONT.

in this decade. We have surely celebrated the saints who have left us in that time; we have reached out into our community in partnership and ministry; we have shared our various gifts with others in mission; and we have grown in our faith as disciples for Jesus. God has truly blessed us and carried us, as the farmer carried that old hog, loving us every minute of the way.

While we enter into retirement and conclude our ministry with you in this time and place, our love and prayers for you, for this time of transition to a half-time appointment, and for the ongoing ministry of LUMC which God richly blesses will continue.

And while United Methodist "protocol" prohibits us from being around and being present as you receive a new pastor, you will not be far from our thoughts. We pray that we remain in yours as we settle into our new home at 28 Charles Street in Winthrop 04364 and settle into a new way of living as we embrace and get used to retirement.

Again, "thank you" doesn't begin to capture our gratitude for you. We will always be extremely grateful for each of you and for LUMC. May God continue to bless your lives and your life together as the church.



Love and Prayers,

Pastor Elizabeth

LACO

The LACO food pantry served 12,462 people from January through April. Several volunteers at the food pantry have had surgeries or illnesses, and they could use volunteers on Wednesdays from 10-1 and Saturdays from 7-10.

The truck that is used for pickups at Good Shepherd, Auburn Hannaford and Walmart, and Country Kitchen needs to be replaced. There is a Go Fund Me page or donations can be sent to LACO, P.O. Box 281, Lisbon Falls, ME .04252 and label for truck.

The Yankee Cruisers Car Show to benefit LACO will be on Saturday, June 6th from 8-2:30. We need baked goods donations from our area churches to sell that day. I will be at the church on Friday, June 5th, from 2-3 if anyone has baked goods to donate. Thank you for your help.

Carol Day

SPRING FLING UPDATE

Dear Church Family,

Our community really came together on May 16th! Thanks to your incredible support, our Spring Fling Sale was a great success.

Together, we raised **in excess of \$2,400!** These funds will go a long way in helping to cover our upcoming operating expenses and keep our programs running smoothly. It was a beautiful day of connection, and we are so grateful to everyone who came out to shop, eat, and support the event.

An event like this takes a lot of teamwork, and we want to extend a special thank you to the leaders who made it happen:

- **The BBQ Team:** Thank you for heading up the grill and keeping everyone well-fed with fantastic food!
- **The Pie Sale Organizers:** Thank you for coordinating the pie sale, which was a massive hit—we had **36 delicious homemade pies!**
- **Our Volunteers & Donors:** Thank you to everyone who spent hours setting up, baking, donating items, and running the booths.

Our Neighbors & Guests: Thank you to everyone who stopped by to shop, chat, and spend the day with us.

We are so lucky to have such a hardworking and generous community. Thank you for making this event a triumph!

Warmly,

Peggy and Greg

Co-chairs

LUMC Mission Statement:

“The Lisbon United Methodist Church welcomes, nurtures, and serves all people with the love of Christ.”



**LOCATION: the field behind MTM &
LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
14 SCHOOL STREET * LISBON FALLS**



11:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.

The programming will be casual with opening remarks
beginning at 11:00 ~

followed by personal comments, sharing of stories of time
spent or activities shared with Pastor Elizabeth during her
11 years at Lisbon UMC or at other churches.

A light lunch buffet will be provided.

No need to RSVP – Just come for a visit, short or long, and
enjoy a relaxing social time with her before she retires as of
June 30th.

Contact Martha Palmer, Monica McCusker or Jen Morgan with any
questions. Contact info is listed in the new church directory.

LAY LEADER

I am the church! You are the church!

We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus,

all around the world!

Yes, we're the church together!

This song describes how I am feeling about our church. I am grateful to God for calling everyone in our church to share their gifts. You have stepped up in a wonderful way. I have no worries that our church will continue to flourish, doing God's work in our church, community, and world.

I thank you all, leaders and worker bees, supporters, and those who pray for our church.

We are truly God's family continuing to grow in love and service.

May God be with you all,

Sue White

CELEBRATIONS!



Happy Birthday to the following church members celebrating a birthday in June!!

(f you know someone to be added to our list please let Erica Soiett know)

1st: Mark Rogers	8th: Alexandria Shaw
2nd: Sarah Moore	13th: Barbara Kazimer
Breanna Soiett	16th: Phylis Greim
5th: Daniel Millson	18th: Olivia Shaw
6th: Jennifer Morgan	22nd: Sandy Stultz
7th: Aurea Koumou-Nete	30th: Megan Hall

Happy Anniversary to the following couples celebrating in June!

9th Donald & Denise Knight

11th Dean & Margaret Logan

26th Randy and Carolyn Jones



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Lisbon United Methodist Church

14 School Street, Lisbon Falls

Thursday, July 16th

Noon – 5pm

Sponsor Code: Lisbon UMC

Questions? Call Gwen at 353-6814

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WE DID IT!!

In 2024 it became necessary to replace the roof on the church. LUMC is very fortunate to have memorial funds held by the New England Methodist Conference. The finance committee voted to use \$38,000 of those funds for the roof project, with the intent to hold a 3-year Capital Campaign to replace those funds. The church council voted unanimously to approve the campaign. In August 2024 letters went out to members and friends of LUMC. Because of the generosity of so many, pledges received were more than enough to cover the \$38,000! Gifts and monthly pledges have been sent to the conference on a regular basis and at our finance committee meeting in May we learned that funds were available to pay the remaining balance of \$5,966!! What a blessing!!!

Because this is a 3-year campaign, you may be asking yourself if you should continue your pledge to this campaign knowing that the \$38,000 has been repaid. The answer is yes, but let me explain why. With Pastor Jen's appointment to LUMC beginning on July 1st, she will not be moving into the parsonage, which allows us to rent the property. Before the property is rented, repairs will need to be done. Repairs will possibly include a new roof, a new furnace, plumbing updates, painting, replacement of the stove and refrigerator, among other minor repairs. The finance committee will be asking the church council to allow the use of the excess in pledges to the capital campaign to pay for these repairs. Once repairs are completed the parsonage will be rent ready and will generate revenue towards our budget.

Should you have any questions regarding the capital campaign or the repairs needed at the parsonage, please speak with a finance committee member or trustee.

Trudy Duval, Finance chairperson



Lisbon United
Methodist Church,
circa 1913

FINANCE SECRETARY REPORT

Greetings! I'm sure you're all wondering about the results of the recent "Endless Possibilities" Stewardship campaign.... Well, the results, as of May 17, are as follows:

21 Pledges received totaling **\$58,080.00** !! Letters confirming the new pledge amounts for the 2026-27 budget have been distributed to all pledgers. (NOTE: It's not too late to submit a pledge card.)

The pledges received thus far revealed that several people increased their pledge, while most remained at the same level as last year... and that's awesome! For those who haven't yet pledged, the Finance Committee understands the uncertainty of pledging a specific amount for the year as we are facing some economically tough times. All monetary gifts – pledged and unpledged - donated to support the church's operational expenses are greatly appreciated.

As a reminder – if you are unable to attend the weekly church service, you may want to consider using the online donation program. The link can be found on the church website: www.lisbonumchurch.org It is very convenient (and secure) and scheduled donations are fairly easy to set up.

THANK YOU!

MOXIE FESTIVAL

It's hard to believe the annual Moxie Festival is fast approaching!

After last year, we had thought about changing things up, in how the church participates in the festival, however after giving it some thought over the winter, we have decided to stick with what we know works. We will still be at the church on Saturday selling hotdogs, Moxie floats, strawberry short-cakes, and baked goods! Barry and Liz Doyle will also be joining us again with Izzy's Stuffed Zoo and Emporium! Currently we are looking for donations of canned soda and regular sized bottled water. Any flavor of soda is fine. Donations can be left in the old kitchen marked "Moxie Festival". We will also be looking for workers to help sell on Saturday, July 11th. If interested please reach out to either Shane at 212-8316 or Erica at 212-3713. And in the meantime pray for some sunny weather for this year's festival!



Newsletter Finance Info - as of 05-24-2026

2026 Annual Budget
 Amount for Operating \$ 148,470.81

April		
Income		
Budgeted	\$	15,252.00
Actual	\$	9,453.64
Expenses		
Budgeted	\$	10,089.00
Actual	\$	11,180.68

May		
Income		
Budgeted	\$	12,999.00
Actual	\$	8,183.64
Expenses		
Budgeted	\$	17,205.00
Actual	\$	8,044.11



June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1-Outreach, 10:00 a.m.	2	3-New Eng- land annual conference	4-New Eng- land annual conference	5-New Eng- land annual conference	6-New Eng- land annual conference LACO Car Show @ Shiloh 8:00 a.m.
7-Music Sun- day, worship in person & virtually, 9:30 Nurture, 11:00 a.m.	8	9	10- Cooperative Parish plan- ning meeting, Zoom, 7:00 p.m.	11	12	13
14-Worship in person & virtu- ally, 9:30 Evening Circle, 11:00 a.m.	15	16	17	18-Craft time, 10:00 a.m.	19	20
21-Worship in person & virtu- ally, Pastor E's & Verne's last Sunday	22	23	24	25- Cooperative Parish meet- ing @ LUMC, 4:00 p.m.	26	27-Bean Sup- per, 4:30 p.m.
28-Worship in person & virtu- ally, 9:30 a.m.	29	30				

NOTE: All meetings are held in the Hunnewell Room, unless otherwise noted

Office Hours: Monday 9:00 am-noon at Pastor's Home, Thursday 1:00-3:00 pm

Friday is the Pastor's Sabbath Day

Other times available by appointment

Every Thursday: Girl Scouts, Hunnewell Room, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

B U S I N E S S N A M E

14 School Street
Lisbon Falls, Maine 04252
(207)353-4982

Sunday Worship Service

Sunday Worship

(In Person and Live Stream on Facebook)

9:30 a.m.

*Experienced people are ready to provide nursery
care for infants.*

Please speak with a greeter.

Office Hours: Monday 9:00-12 noon at Home

Thursday 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Other times available by appointment

Friday is the Pastor's Sabbath day

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