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In August the Discovering the Possibilities team asked for the assistance of the congregation in completing a survey of our church's values. Thank you to all who participated and helped our team with this valuable information.

Our team has tallied the results (thank you to Sue White!) and met to discuss them. We were pleased with the results. We numbered them according to the most votes received for the highest ranking. Rankings were: 1. Not Important 2. Somewhat Important 3. Important 4. Most Important .

Here are the Top Five most important values for our church as you determined them:

1. Prayer: communicating with God
  2. Encouragement: giving hope to people who need some hope
- There was a tie for 3.

Community: caring about and addressing the needs of others  
in the local area

Fellowship: relating to and enjoying one another

4. Preaching and teaching scripture: communicating God's word to people
5. Excellence: maintaining the highest of ministry standards that bring glory to God

These priorities will assist the team in continuing its work of establishing a ministry plan based on what we together have deemed important. It is our goal to work on this plan in the next two months and have it ready for your review at our church conference to be held on Sunday, November 10.

As always, our team (whose members are Trudy Duval, Dean Logan, Monica McCusker, Martha Palmer, Sue White, and the pastor) are happy to talk about these results or any of our work with you at any time. Please continue to keep not only the work of the team but the entire ministry of LUMC in your prayers that we may be the BEST church we can be as disciples of Jesus Christ!

God's blessings,

*Pastor Elizabeth*

## OUTREACH

Our blood drive was a success. Twenty pints of blood were collected. Thank you to Ginny for chairing this project. Also, thank you to those of you who helped take tables and chairs down, and to Toby and Ron for helping us put the dining room back together. A grateful thank you to Gwen for handling the online registration.

Our next meeting will be September 9th at 1:30 p.m. in the dining room.

We are currently looking for new members. If interested in joining the Outreach Committee please see a current member of the committee.

Connie Earle,  
Chairperson

*You are my refuge  
and my shield I have  
put my hope in your  
word.*

*Psalm 119:114*

## AFTERNOON CIRCLE

On Tuesday, (note the day chance), September 17th we will be traveling to the Dolphin Marina, in Harpswell for lunch. We will be leaving the church parking lot at 11:30. All who are interested in joining us, please let me know as soon as possible, as I will need to make a reservation.

Thanks,

Carolyn Jones, 353-8691

## FINANCE INFORMATION

<b><u>Newsletter Finance Information - as of August 2019</u></b>		
Annual Budget Amount for Operating Expenses	\$	124,888.34
Monthly Budget Amount for Operating Expenses	\$	10,407.36
Total August Income	\$	6,621.46
Total August Expense	\$	5,087.34
Total YTD Income	\$	66,477.25
Total YTD Expense	\$	68,993.05

## EVENING CIRCLE

The September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3rd at the home of Carolyn Dobson, 2A Stable Lane, in Lisbon Falls, meeting starts at 6:30 PM.

Carolyn Jones, President

## CHRISTMAS FAIR AND SILENT AUCTION

Now that summer is quickly coming to an end, it's time to start thinking about our annual Christmas Fair and Silent Auction. I'll be having a planning meeting in the next few weeks and would love to see you all, men and women.

In the meantime, I hope you'll be thinking about how you may be able to help. Maybe you are doing some canning or making jams and jellies with the fruits and vegetables from your gardens. Consider making a few extra jars. They sell really well at the fair. For those who knit and crochet, now that the temperatures are cooler it's time to get the knitting needles and crochet hooks back out. With shorter hours of daylight and less work outside to do, I can't wait to get back into my craft room and hear the sound of my sewing machine. Need ideas? Come see me. If crafting isn't for you, you may consider reaching out to a business for a donation for our silent auction. I'm very excited about some of the items we have obtained so far. White water rafting, Casco Bay cruise, spending a night in a Yurt!!

Let's work together to make this the best fair ever. Once again, watch your bulletin for the date of our first planning meeting.

Trudy Duval

Event chairperson

## FOURTH ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK

Our Fourth Annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors 5K Run/Walk is just around the corner! Plans are in place for another successful event and registrations are coming in. Volunteers are needed to be at intersections and point the way for our runners and walkers to stay on course. This is a small commitment of your time which will provide big results. Our three previous 5K events have totaled almost \$6,000 in proceeds!



## FROM YOUR LAY LEADER

I write with the joy of welcoming the fall season. I love the weather, especially the cool air. For me, this is a time of renewal after a hot summer.

In response to the surveys you filled out a few weeks ago, I am writing about prayer this month. Prayer was one of the top core values. The thoughts I am sharing have come from a book called *Concerning Prayer*, written by Mary Kathryn Pearce for the United Methodist Women's Division. This book includes a study guide, so if you like the author's words and want to know more, I am willing to share this book with you. Let me know!

Rev. Pearce begins by asking the question, "What is prayer?" She then points out that prayer can be active or passive. In other words, we are either talking or listening to God. The discipline of listening to God also enables us to listen to others. It also may show us that God does answer prayer.

John 15:4 says, "Remain in me and I will remain in you." This means that God's power comes from abiding in God. Does God hear our prayers? Maybe not in the way of wishes being granted, but certainly by giving us strength. God cares about us and about all of creation and God wants to be in relationship with us. Prayer can deepen that relationship.

The study written by Rev. Pearce delves into methods and definitions of prayer. They are: invocation, confession, thanksgiving, petition, and intercession. You may recognize some of these from our Sunday morning worship.

I invite us to dig deeper into our prayer lives together. We can come together in a study/prayer group, or I can continue to share more from Rev. Pearce's book via our monthly newsletters, or both. I welcome your feedback.

Let us continue to pray for one another as we increase the spiritual life of our church guided by the following prayers of John Wesley:

Morning: Almighty and everlasting God, who has safely brought us to the beginning of This day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall Into no sin; neither run into any kind of danger: but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance, to do always what is righteous in they sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

Evening: "And now, as we lay ourselves down to sleep, take us into thy gracious Protection and settle our spirits in quiet thoughts of thy glory." Amen.

May God grant you joy and peace,  
Sue White

### *LUMC Mission Statement:*

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

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

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



1st-	Barbara Grinder	21st-	Emily White
7th-	Verne Smtih	24th-	Sylvia Doughty
10th-	Mary Duley	25th-	Stacey Strople
11th-	Barbara Underwood	27th-	Jane Wile
19th-	Sylvia White	28th-	Denise Knight Peggy Shaw

## “SEI INVITATO”

That’s Italian for “You are Invited” – and you are! Our Discovering the Possibilities team is planning a community meal in partnership with Grazi to Go, owned by Mary Graziano. The date will be Saturday, October 5 with two settings: 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm. Our menu will include lasagna, spaghetti and sauce, salad, garlic bread, and ice cream for dessert.

We are limiting seating to 90 for the two settings and are selling tickets to keep track of the number of guests; tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased from the members of the DTP team.

This is not a fundraiser for LUMC but simply an opportunity for us to gather with our neighbors and enjoy some great Italian food, as so many in Lisbon did for years when Graziano’s was open. Our grant monies from the NE UM Foundation are underwriting the cost of this meal.

Please encourage your family and friends to join us!



# Fall Word Search



ACORN  
APPLE  
AUTUMN  
CHESTNUTS  
CHILLY  
CIDER  
COBWEB  
FALL  
FOOTBALL  
GOURD

HALLOWEEN  
HARVEST  
HAY BALE  
HAYRIDE  
LEAVES  
MAIZE  
NOVEMBER  
NUTS  
OCTOBER  
PUMPKIN

QUILT  
RAKE  
SCARECROW  
SEPTEMBER  
SLEET  
THANKSGIVING



# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1-Worship at 9:00 a.m. with Holy Communion	2-Happy Labor Day No office hours	3-Choir rehearsal, 6:30 p.m. Evening Circle @ Carolyn Dobson's, 6:30p.m.	4	5-Bible Study at Pam Wolfe's, 10:00 a.m.	6	7-Russell memorial service and lunch, 11:00 a.m.
8-Worship changes to 9:30 a.m. Worship Committee meeting, 11:00 a.m.	9-Widows' group lunch, 12 noon Outreach Committee, 1:30 p.m.	10-LACO Board meeting at LUMC, 9:00 a.m. Finance Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.	11-Bible Study at Pam Wolfe's, 10:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.	12-Ministry Day at Mechuwana, 9:30 a.m.	13-5k set up, 6:30 p.m.	14-4th annual 5k run/walk 7:00 a.m.
15-Morning Worship 5k evaluation meeting, following wor-	16-Discover the Possibilities meeting, 6:30 p.m.	17-Afternoon Circle, 11:30 a.m.	18-Bible Study at Pam Wolfe's, 10:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal-	19-Elders lunch with DS-office hours begin at 2:00 p.m.	20	21
22-Morning worship, 9:30	23	24-Choir rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.	25	26-Bible study at Pam Wolfe's, 10:00 a.m.	27	28-District Committee of Superintendency, 9:00 a.m. Church supper, 5:00 p.m.
29-Morning Worship	30					

## Office Hours:

Monday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Thursday 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Friday is the Pastor's Sabbath Day

Other times available by appointment

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**Sunday Worship Service**

Sunday Worship  
9:00 a.m.  
9:30 a.m. (starting September 8th)

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

*Please speak with a greeter.*

*Office Hours: Monday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*

*Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.*

*Other times available by appointment*

*Friday is the Pastor's Sabbath day*

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