

FROM YOUR PASTOR:

From *The Green Bible Devotional*: The Song of the Earth

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LAY LEADER

FINANCE

THANK YOU!

MOXIE DAY

AND MUCH  
MORE!

*"Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!  
Praise him, all angels; praise him, all his host! Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens and you  
waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God  
commanded and they were created. God established them forever and ever;  
God fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed."*

- Psalm 148.1-6



This glorious psalm calls on the whole of creation to offer praise to God. There is joy, honor, exaltation in every line of this song. But this is not simply a poet's over-the-top expression of worship. It is recognition of the ways in which creation sings God's praises each day. As the sun comes up and warms the weather, as the rain falls and renews life, as the winter covers the earth in the quiet calm, as the spring arrives to remind us the victory of life over death, all of creation does tell the story of God. The joy of the Lord is all around us on God's great earth. When we care for the earth, when

we notice God's hand in its cycles and seasons, we are praising our Creator.

Let us pray: Almighty God, we praise you for your glorious works, and for how the earth you created feeds us and clothes us and provides for us. Help us to praise you with our hands and our minds and our hearts as we work to protect all that points us to you.

Amen.

May we be aware of the beauty of God's creation all around us in the warm summer days

before us.

God's blessings,

*Pastor Elizabeth*

## EMAIL, ANYONE?

If you are receiving our monthly newsletter via the US Postal Service but have an email address, we'd love to send you our newsletter electronically. As costs for postage and paper increase, receiving the newsletter this way would be a savings for the church. Our bigger editions are costing nearly seventy-five cents each to mail.

If you wish to switch to email, please share your email address with us in one of these ways:

- By sending Pastor Elizabeth an email: [pastor@lisbonumchurch.org](mailto:pastor@lisbonumchurch.org)
- By leaving a voicemail at the church: 353-4982

Thank you for your consideration as we work to be good stewards of our resources!

*"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free."*

*~Galatians 5:1*

## SUMMER PICNIC

How would you like to eat your lunch outside surrounded by the beauty of God's creation with other members of our church family? Then mark the date of Sunday, July 17 (with a July 31 rain date) for a picnic at Beaver Park. We'll gather at 11:30 at the park; this will give folks time to go back home and get their lunch and chairs. More details will be shared in worship in the next couple of weeks.

## SUNDAY FUNNIES, SUBMITTED BY PEG CHERRY

~Final Exam~

Every time a little boy went to a playmate's house, he found the friend's grandmother deeply engrossed in her Bible. Finally his curiosity got the better of him.

"Why do you suppose your grandmother reads the Bible so much?" he asked.

"I'm not sure," said his friend, "but I think she's cramming for her finals."

## EVENING CIRCLE NEWS

Note the date change for our July meeting, due to the holiday and Moxie, we will be meeting on Tuesday, July 12th, at 6:30 PM.

### *LUMC Mission Statement:*

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

## THANK YOU

The Mid-Coasters, a local 4H club, was at LUMC making healthy, homemade dog cookies. After the kiddos learned how to make the cookie, they donated them to Midcoast Humane Society.

Below is the Facebook thank you for Courtney Wheeler, the leader of the group:

*Today some of my 4H kiddos learned how to make healthy, homemade dog cookies. Thank you [Gwen Rioux](#) and the [Lisbon United Methodist Church](#) for the instruction and use of your facility!!*

*We then donated them to doggies at the [Midcoast Humane](#)! Of course we couldn't leave without saying hello to some of their adorable residents.*



## GENEROSITY TREE

Thank you to those folks who have taken tags off the generosity tree. New tags have been added. Some of the items added are; fuel for the upcoming heating season, the cost of our elevator inspection, refrigerator repairs, piano tuning, and fall clean up expenses.

Remember, that you can donate any amount towards the items that you wish. The amounts on the tag are suggested amounts. You can do more or less as you wish. Donations can be made through the website, mail, or dropped in the offering plate. Donations can be given anonymously if you'd like.

## LAY MEMBER TO NEW ENGLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

Hello, here is my report from the hybrid New England Annual Conference that took place from Tuesday June 7th to Saturday June 11th. I did not attend all the sessions due to other commitments, but I have the recap from the NEAC website to fill in the gaps. If you wish to look at the website you can find things such as full videos of speeches and ceremonies.

### **Scripture for the conference: Philippians 3:12-14 from the Message translation**

I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward— to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back.

**June 7th:** The laity celebration was held via zoom on Tuesday night. Bishop Devedhar addressed the body with his message of hope. He reported on his work with youth and laity and encouraged us to live out our baptismal vows.

Our guest speaker was David Teel. He is the director of discipleship ministries. He described the secret of life as being still and listening, then entering into holy conversation. David recommended a book called **Soul Reset** by Junius Dotson.

We then heard a report from Betty Shippee, president of the United Women of Faith (formerly known as UMW).

The United Methodist Men gave a report from Tom Leech. He spoke of an app for men called **Live Bold**. It has daily devotionals. The UMM also includes scouting ministries. Their website is [umcmen.org](http://umcmen.org).

Wanda Winnicki told of her ministry as a Deaconess.

Michael Leonard spoke about the work of the Earth Keepers.

Jen Jordan reported on Lay Servant and Certified Lay Minister programs.

Upcoming dated: October 16th is Laity Sunday.

**June 8th:** The clergy session was held on Wednesday.

**June 9th:** The annual conference was called to order in the morning. A new conference secretary was elected. Her name is Preeti Pabreja. She did a wonderful job .

Our guest speaker and study leader was introduced. She is Bishop LaTrelle Easterling. She is currently in the Baltimore-Washington and Peninsula Delaware conferences, and is originally from New England.

Bishop Devadhar then gave his Episcopal address. He talked about the confusing state of the Methodist Church in a reassuring way and spoke of the prize of the upward call. He told us we must speak up and noted the effects of saying nothing. His book list consists of **Journeys from Here to There by Susan J. Cohen, Both/And by Jason**

## LAY MEMBER TO NEW ENGLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT, CONT.

**Moore, and Protest at Midnight by Peter Storey.** You can hear the full address on the neac website.

We then took a ballot for Episcopal Nomination. As you may know, Bishop Devadhar is retiring. We will get a new bishop in January 2023. Those nominated by the body are Rene Perez and Thom Blackstone.

The next item was the 2023 conference budget. The budget was approved. CCFA is particularly pleased to be presenting a budget that reflects a 10 percent decrease in Connectional Mission Shares billable to local churches totaling \$100,000," she said. "The 2023 budget continues a steady decrease in overall expenses since 2020 that now totals more than \$1 million. Rev. Bischoff also announced that CCFA plans to review "several long-standing Conference rules related to Mission Shares" to consider how they are applied and whether they are still relevant. CCFA expects to bring a report to the 2023 Annual Conference session.

A memorial service was held with Bishop Easterling giving the message.

Presentations and conversation around the "New England Declaration" (led by the Vision Forward Team, the Joint Delegation, and the Open Spirit Task Force) pertaining to:

**RS-22-228** DECLARING OUR COMMITMENT TO LOVE, LIBERATION, FREEDOM, AND FULL INCLUSION ("THE NEW ENGLAND DECLARATION")

**RS-22-229** RENEWING OUR VISION AS THE NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE

Green Mountain District Superintendent Rev. Jill Colley Robinson, who serves as Dean of the Cabinet, gave the annual State of the Conference report.

The body approved the closure of four churches (these were honored in the Memorial Service):

**RS-201** CLOSURE OF HOWLAND UMC, HOWLAND, ME

**RS-202** CLOSURE OF STONINGTON UMC, STONINGTON, ME

**RS-203** CLOSURE OF CHARLOTTE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, CHARLOTTE, VT

**RS-223** CLOSURE OF CHRIST CHURCH UNITED METHODIST, SOUTHWICK, MA

Tim Riddle, who journeyed on a Mission of Peace, shared his thoughts about these journeys of shalom and [recommended this video](#) of other MOPers sharing their stories. Conference Statistician Joy Mueller gave her annual report on looking at New England by the numbers and shared some of the amazing ministry stories those numbers reveal.



## **LAY MEMBER TO NEW ENGLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT, CONT.**

Heather Joesselyn, chair, presented a report from Conference Board of Discipleship

### **Friday, June 10th: Morning worship**

Bishop Easterling began her sermon for the morning worship by offering a number of definitions for the word “envision.” She asked: “Do you notice something about all these definitions? They are all prospective. It’s good to have a vision ...

### **Licensed Local Pastors**

Licensed local pastors were presented with their certificates and anointed by Bishop Devadhar and Bishop Easterling.

### **Deaconess**

The New England Conference’s newest Deaconess, Ginifir Giddinge, was commissioned by Bishop Devadhar and Bishop Easterling.

### **Certified Lay Ministers**

Each district recognized their newest Certified Lay Ministers.

### **Historical questions and passing of the mantle**

The bishop asked the 2022 Ordinands the historical questions posed by John Wesley

### **Retirees recognized**

This year’s retirees, who represent more than 534 years of combined service, were also recognized

### **Ziegler Preacher**

Rev. Effie McAvoy is the 2022 Zeigler Preacher. Rev. McAvoy serves Shepherd of the Valley UMC in Hope, RI. She said, “even in my lack of faith, I still have faith that God is going to ... and God is doing ... a new thing in New England. There’s hope. There’s always hope. You must lead the people with hope,” Rev. McAvoy said, crediting that thought to one of her teachers, the late Rev. Dr. Seth Asari.

### **Offerings received**

\$3,907 for Camperships

\$6,485 for the Pastors Respite Fund

Stay tuned for the August newsletter. It will contain part 2 of my report.

Peace,

Sue White

## FINANCE NEWS

The Finance Committee has been working hard to figure out narrowing the gap in our budget, which also includes our portion of mission shares. The committee asked the Administrative Council to see about using the monies from the communion baskets to help towards missions shares. After discussion with the Outreach Committee chair, it was decided that the communion basket money will go towards mission shares until the of the year. The Finance Committee appreciates the help from Outreach in helping us to pay our portion of mission shares.

## MOXIE DAY AT THE CHURCH



### Lisbon United Methodist Church

#### ~Moxie Day 2022~

##### Starting Friday Night:

Book Sale, 5-8 p.m.

##### Starting Saturday at 9:30:

Book Sale

Strawberry Shortcake

##### Starting Saturday at 10:00:

Hotdogs, baked goods, and cold drinks

(With fresh Maine strawberries!)

Be sure to visit Izzy's Stuffed Zoo & Emporium located right at the church!

Find them on Facebook to learn more about creating your own special stuffed furry friend!



## BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

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



6th:	Nate Rioux	
9th:	Connie Earle	23rd: Dave McCusker
10th:	Erica Soiett	27th: Glenys Gardner
11th:	Mark C. Stambach	28th: Charlie Stambach
	Susan White	29th: Monica McCusker
18th:	Caitlin Ramsay	30th: Erika Moore
19th:	Verne Ricker	

## MOXIE NEWS

Snacks are needed to sell during the Moxie Festival. Brownies, cookies, rice krispie treats, no bake cookies are all great sellers. Too hot to bake – put together some cereal mixes. Popcorn, Chex mixes, cereal mixes all make great snacks for folks walking by. Even baggies with celery sticks and carrot sticks with containers of peanut butter are great for those who prefer a healthier snack. Snacks can be dropped off at the church Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, from 3-8 p.m. Thank you!

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Congratulations to our two scholarship recipients this year!

Breanna Soiett (left) graduated from Gardiner Area High School, and will be attending Eastern Maine Community College in the fall to study secondary education. Jessica Wile (right) graduated from Lisbon High School, and will be attending Southern Maine Community College to study culinary arts. Congratulations ladies!





# July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3-Worship in person & Virtually w/ Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.	4	5	6	7	8-Moxie Fest: Book Sale 5-8p.m.	9-Moxie Fest: Kitchen opens@ 10am  Book sale – 9:30-3:00
10-Worship in person & virtually, 9:30 a.m.	11-Widows fellowship, 11:30 a.m.	12-Evening Circle, 6:30 p.m.	13	14	15	16
17-Worship in person & virtually, 9:30 a.m.  Church Picnic @ Beaver Park, 11:30 a.m.	18-Pastor Elizabeth on vacation	19-Pastor Elizabeth on vacation	20-Pastor Elizabeth on vacation	21-Pastor Elizabeth on vacation	22-Pastor Elizabeth on vacation	23-Pastor Elizabeth on vacation  Eat-in/Take Out Supper, 4:30 p.m.
24-Worship in person & virtually, 9:30 am  Pastor Elizabeth on vacation	25-Pastor Elizabeth on vacation	26-Pastor Elizabeth on vacation	27-Pastor Elizabeth on vacation	28-Pastor Elizabeth on vacation	29	30
31-Worship in person & virtually, 9:30 a.m.						

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

**Office Hours:** Monday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Thursday 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., Friday is the Pastor's Sabbath Day

**Other times available by appointment**

**LISBON UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

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**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 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*

*Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*Other times available by appointment*

*Friday is the Pastor's Sabbath day*

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