

## Abundant Love

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*"You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for you have prepared it. You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing it's growth."*

*~Psalm 65.9-10*

God's stunning faithfulness is often demonstrated through water. And yet God's love and care go far beyond sustenance. The psalmist speaks of abundant, overflowing water that changes the earth as it moves over the face of the land. This is not mere caretaking that keeps the earth alive. It is bountiful, even excessive. Think of a careening stream, a charging waterfall – the exuberant, playful rush of water over rock that seems almost extravagant in its power and beauty.

God's transcendence expands beyond what we imagine and alters us forever. As we connect with God, God settles our rough place. God softens our parched spirits. God blesses us and enriches us and makes us into more than we believed we could be.

Prayer: Abundant God, you are the giver of life and yet you give us so much more. Make us mindful of your generous love and care as you sustain us with water. Let us be changed by your glory. Like water settles the ridges of the earth, sculpt us and smooth us and soften us as you flow around us with your bountiful spirit. Amen.

As summer continues may you be refreshed and renewed by God's presence flowing over and through you just as God's gift of water nourishes the earth.

God's blessings,

*Pastor Elizabeth*

## OUTDOOR HYMN SING

During the last few summers our community of faith has enjoyed gathering for a hymn sing. We'll do so again on Sunday, August 21st. Weather permitting, we'll begin at 4:00 pm; please bring your chairs so that we can be on the lawn between our church building and the MTM where there will be plenty of shade. We'll share some Scripture and be in prayer with one another but, most of all, we'll sing, sing, sing!

## WORDS OF THANKS!

Our words of thanks are offered to Win Smith and Dean Logan who so ably created a beautiful railing for the steps leading up to our chancel area.

This is a huge help to those needing access and has already seen lots of use. Thank you for sharing your skill with us; your gifts of time and talent are much appreciated!



*"The Lord your God  
is in your midst, a  
mighty one who will  
save; he will rejoice  
over you with glad-  
ness; he will quiet  
you by love; he will  
exult over you with  
loud singing"*

*~Zephaniah 3:17*

## NUTURE COMMITTEE

The nurture committee is looking for volunteers to provide goodies for our coffee hour after worship. The goodies can be very simple; donut holes, mini-muffins, cookies, fruit, cheese and crackers. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Thank you.

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee, on behalf of the Church donated \$100 to Camp Mechuwana. We asked that money be used for food and snacks for the campers. It was decided to put further projects on hold until fall. We will check with the Lisbon Police Department to see if they need more bags of non perishable items for the homeless folks they encounter and will also provide three \$15 gas cards for those in need.

Our next meeting is August 1st, at 1:30 p.m. Connie Earle, Chair

### ***LUMC Mission Statement:***

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

## MOXIE FESTIVAL

After a two year absence Lisbon was once again able to enjoy a great Moxie Festival. Perfect weather and activities for everyone made for a fun filled three day festival. While our participation was certainly different from past years, we are pleased that we could still be part of this community celebration. One of the highlights of this year's activities was the partnership with the Lisbon Library Department. For years folks looked forward to the annual book sale sponsored by the library held in conjunction with the Moxie Festival. They too, struggle with finding volunteers and have not been able to hold a book sale in recent years. By partnering with the library we were able to provide the needed space and they provided lots and lots of books!! Several volunteers helped to sort and set up the books weeks before the sale. Friday night the sale was opened from 5-8pm. Our first customer was from Andover who came in with a list of books she was looking for and went home very happy with what she found! Diane Nadeau, the library director attended on Friday night and was so pleased to see many library patrons she has not seen since the beginning of the pandemic. We heard comments all evening long of how glad folks were that the sale was happening, what a great set-up we had and what a wide selection of books we had to offer. Many thanks to all who made this happen.

Another great addition this year was Izzy's Stuffed Zoo and Emporium. Liz and Barry Doyle were busy all day making kids of all ages happy with their unique stuffed animals. 65 stuffed animals found new homes!! Thank you Liz and Barry!! We hope you'll join us again next year!!!

While there was some disappointment about the lack of lobster rolls, the kitchen was very busy selling hot dogs and strawberry shortcake. By 12:40 we were out of hot dogs and a line of people that reached almost to the MTM Center had to be turned away. Leftover strawberry shortcakes were taken to the Lamp Memory Care Center where the residents really enjoyed them. A lovely thank you note, signed by several of the residents was received a few days later. Thank you to all that picked strawberries, worked in the kitchen, the dining room, outside manning the condiment table, selling beverages and snacks, and bussing the tables – your help was appreciated.

The Moxie Festival has always been one of our two biggest fundraisers of the year. This year it was about being part of a community event, bringing together folks for the first time in two years and reaching those who couldn't attend. We were blessed with perfect weather and great partnerships enabling us to have a very successful event, which also saw a profit of \$2,047.19!

Thanks again to all who helped in any way.

Trudy Duval

## LAY MEMBER TO NEW ENGLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

Hello Friends,

Here is the second part of my report from annual conference. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Consent Calendar – approved

RS-22-207 PROPOSED SLATE FOR ELECTION OF CONFERENCE OFFICERS

Approved with these announced changes:

- Remove: Arlene Tully from Episcopacy Committee
- Remove: Christina Catino from Higher Education & Campus Ministries
- Add: Jennifer Mihok to Episcopacy Committee

RS-22-218 — RETAIN LEGAL COUNSEL TO CREATE TRUST – approved

In the June 7 Addendum to the Pre-Conference Materials, the Conference Council on Finance and Administration revised its initial response to the resolution (published in the May 19 Addendum) and offered the resolution its full support.

RS-22-219 — MCH (Methodist Conference Home) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

COMPOSITION – approved

RS-22-224 — NEC STRATEGIC SERVICES AND REINVESTMENT – approved

Rev. We Chang, one of the presenters of the motion, said that a majority of the proceeds from the sale of Wesley UMC in Framingham, MA, would serve as seed money. The congregations of Wesley and Framingham's First UMC have agreed to worship together.

RS-22-225 REGARDING THE HISTORY OF REDLINING, RACE COVENANTS, AND SUNDOWN

TOWNS IN NEW ENGLAND – approved

RS-22-227 — PROCEDURE FOR DISCERNMENT ABOUT DISAFFILIATION – approved

RS-22-228 — COMMITMENT TO LOVE, LIBERATION, FREEDOM, AND FULL INCLUSION

THE NEW ENGLAND DECLARATION

Approved with the following amendment (in italics) to page 110, line 30:

All conference entities shall report back to the 2023 annual conference session with specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and time-bound, inclusive, and equitable (S.M.A.R.T.I.E) goals on progress in living out this Declaration *on a report form provided to them by the end of 2022.*

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

*RS-22-230 — Election of UM Foundation of New England Board of Directors —*

*Approved*

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

*Approved*

### **ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022: OPEN SPIRIT TASK FORCE REPORT (page 31)**

Recommendations will be forwarded to Vision Forward Team  
(re-Conference Materials) – By unanimous consent of the body,

**Larry Jay**, executive director at Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center in N.  
Andover, MA, gave a report on behalf of the NEAC's Camping and Retreat Ministries.

### **Bishop's retirement**

The day closed with the "Celebration of Episcopal Leadership" as the New England  
Conference thanked Bishop and Prema Devadhar for their 10 years of service. A  
number of in-person and via-video guests offered blessings and fond memories as they  
looked back at the Bishop's episcopal ministry.

### **June 11th:**

#### **Anointing of License Local Pastors 2020 and 2021**

Those who became Licensed Local Pastors in the years when our Annual Conference  
sessions were online only, had this opportunity to be anointed by the bishop

#### **Laity Address**

The winner of the 2022 Laity Address Challenge is Lisa Svenson. Svenson, the  
daughter of a United Methodist pastor, attends Main Street UMC in Nashua, NH. Each  
this year, the Laity Address must use the Annual Conference theme and guiding  
scripture as its theme, this year: "Envisioning the Beloved Community" and [Philippians  
3:12-14 \(The Message\)](#).

### **LEGISLATION ADOPTED SATURDAY**

**RS-22-220 — COMMITMENT TO PEACEKEEPING — approved**

**RS-22-221 — RIGHTS AND ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE —approved**

**RS-22-222 — STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION — approved with the following  
amendments:**

- **Amend to add a part-time position of climate coordinator – Rev. Kim  
Hornung-Marcy**

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

The New England Annual Conference (NEAC) Board of Church and Society proposes that we work with the Connectional Table and CFA to discuss the creation of a part-time position of climate coordinator to be hired by the NEAC. This person would be responsible for offering resources and expertise to local congregations and other conference entities about how to respond to the climate crisis by adapting their properties and/or becoming effective advocates to combat climate change. This person should demonstrate knowledge of climate science, resources available in New England, and have a passion for climate care and advocacy. The structuring of this position will be done in consultation with CCFA and Connectional table to develop who the person reports to and the finances necessary for this part-time position. The Board of Church and Society will of course be willing to work with everyone to help this happen.

- **Amendment to line 32 on page 100 [regarding utensils] — Rev. Sarah Mount Elewononi** to add “by bringing our own as often as possible.”

**RS-22-223 — OPPOSING APARTHEID IN THE HOLY LAND — approved**

**RS-22-226 — TIMELINESS FOR RESOLUTIONS AT AC SESSION — approved**

See the revised version of this resolution printed in the May 19, 2022, Addendum

**RS-22-231 CONFRONTING HARM AND DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX OR GENDER THROUGH TRAINING — approved**

**RS-22-234 — REFERRING THE MISSION SHARE REVIEW PROGRAM TO A COMMITTEE — approved**

### **COSROW representation report**

Rev. Dr. Sara Garrard, chair, offered the report on behalf of the Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women

### **Service of Ordination and Commissioning**

Thank you for your prayers and love for those doing the work of the church. If you have any questions or want more details of anything, I am glad to help.

God’s Blessings for a restful August,  
Sue White

## EVENING CIRCLE NEWS

We had a successful July bean supper, sold 60 tickets, which is our goal. A big thanks to all those who support us and also to the generous people who step up to help with our expenses, you know who you are!

Our next meeting will be August 14th, after a brief coffee hour. Discussion will be regarding back to school supplies.

Carolyn Jones  
353-8691

## BIRTHDAY WISHES



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

3-	Chris Crosman	12-	Jen Duley Farrin
10-	Clyde Vassel		
	Donald Wile	13-	Dean H. Logan
11-	Ginny Barden	25-	Tristan Wile

## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS 5K

We're gearing up for our next Neighbors Helping Neighbors 5K Run/Walk. Details are included in the attached poster. We already have runners registered and collected donations from business sponsors! What the team needs now are VOLUNTEERS to help with directing the runners along the route, setting up, timing and registration.

Please contact Monica (in person, phone: 754-9569 or lumc.pr@gmail.com) if you are interested and she can give you the details of the event tasks.

We're hoping this year's event will be bigger than ever!

**Saturday,  
Sept. 10,  
2022**

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors



**To Benefit the Tedford Shelter's  
Warm Thy Neighbor Heating Assistance Program**

**Registration Fee: \$25 Adults / \$15 Students**

**Check-in / Registration Time: 7:30 am – 8:15 am**

**Race time: 8:30 a.m.**

**14 School Street, Lisbon Falls**

(rain or shine)

Register BY August 30, 2022 to get a tee shirt at Check-in  
Walk-ons are welcome!

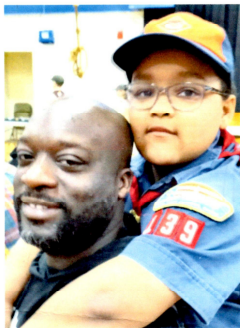
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**Registration & information -- [www.lisbonumchurch.org](http://www.lisbonumchurch.org)**

## MECHUWANA

The following thank you notes were written by several campers who recently attended Mechuwana.

Hi, I'm Ava Koumou-Nete I was a camper at Mechuwana's Night Camp over the summer during June 26-30<sup>th</sup> 2022. Night Camp is a really good camp if u like to stay up late and all camps at Mechuwana are good for making friends, in my opinion night camp was really cool especially the night walks with the camp leader, we saw Saturn the plant with rings, and some fireflies. I am very thankful for my experience at camp this year especially with being the first stay over camp back at Mechuwana after Covid-19 happened and stopped all sleep over camps for the past couple of years. Mechuwana was a really good experience and I enjoyed it this summer, and without the staffs help this probably wouldn't of happened. Thank you for all of my years in camp.

Sincerely, Ava Koumou-Nete



Thank you  
much for  
the money  
I like play  
Duck + Duck  
goose

"Thank you much for the money. I like play Duck Duck Goose. I see up to 20 fish. And have friend, Avery."

Omari

Addison  
Camp mechuwana

I see up to 20 fish  
and I have  
friend Avery  
Omari

I like going to camp mechuwana because, it is really fun and I like meeting new people. I have been in the red every single year I have going. Last year I made some friends at camp and they were in my group this year. I know I am to old for day camp next year but, I will definitely go to over night and be a ~~camp~~ counselor.

I like going to camp  
because swimming

Piper

# August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1-Widows' fellowship, 11:30 a.m.  Outreach Comm, 1:30 p.m.	2	3	4	5	6
7-Worship in person & virtually w/ holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.	8	9-Finance Committee, 6:30 p.m.	10	11	12	13
14-Worship in person & virtually, 9:30 a.m.  Evening Circle following coffee hour	15	16	17	18	19	20
21-Worship in person & virtually, 9:30 p.m.  Outdoor Hymn Sing, 4:00p.m.	22	23	24	25	26	27-Dine in/ Take Out supper, 4:30 p.m.
28-Worship in person & virtually, 9:30 a.m.	29	30-5K Planning Team meeting, 6:30 p.m.	31			

**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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