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MORE!



- G** Gratitude for God's innumerable blessings
- I** Intellect to be aware of the world around us
- V** Voices to give God praise and thanks
- E** Energy to be in ministry on behalf of Jesus
- T** Thoughtful prayers for one another in our church family



- H** Hands for work and hearts for love
- A** Abundance of mercy and grace for others
- N** Never-ending compassion for those in need
- K** Kindnesses given and received
- S** Sacred moments with family and friends



God's blessings for this wonderful time of year, *Pastor Elizabeth*

## LAITY SUNDAY THANKS

Words of gratitude are expressed to those who participated in our Laity Sunday service of worship on October 16. Many thanks to our Lay Leader, Sue White, who organized the service and to Ginny Barden, Verne Smith, Ella Mae Packard, Trudy Duval, Edra Nelson, Earl Richardson, Carolyn Jones, Carol Day, and, as always, our organist, Debbie, and our wonderful choir who participated that day.

LUMC wouldn't be the active, vibrant church it is without the faith and dedication of our lay persons. Well done, to all of our good and faithful servants!

*"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!"*

*~Psalm 107:1*

## ALL SAINTS' CELEBRATION

We will celebrate the lives of our saints who have died in the last year on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have names of loved ones which you would like on our memorial list for that day, please make sure that Pastor Elizabeth has them by November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## BISHOP DEVADHAR'S LAST VISIT

Our Bishop, Sudarshana Devadhar, will visit the Many Waters District one final time prior to his December 31<sup>st</sup> retirement. Please consider this your invitation to join with others in our district to bid him farewell. We will gather at the Pleasant Street UMC in Waterville on Wednesday, November 9 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

## ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our annual church conference will be held on Wednesday, November 16th beginning at 7:00 pm. The members of the Staff/Parish Relations Committee will meet with the District Superintendent at 6:00 pm.

Please make this meeting a priority as we celebrate the past year and look ahead to the next; in addition, *this is your opportunity to meet and welcome our new DS, the Rev. Arlene Tully.*

## WREATHS FOR SALE

As an additional fundraiser for this year, our Finance Committee will be offering Christmas wreaths and kissing balls for sale at our November public supper on Saturday, November 26 and also at our annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 3.

Please plan now to purchase your Christmas decorations in support of the church's general fund; we hope you'll share the word with family and friends as well!

A pre sale sign up sheet will be available in the narthex starting November 6th. Wreaths will be \$20 for a wreath with a single red bow and \$25.00 for a fully decorated one.

If you have any questions please see one of the finance committee members.

## ADVENT DECORATING

Please mark your calendar for after coffee fellowship on Sunday, November 27, when we'll gather back in our sanctuary to decorate for the holy season of Advent. With many hands busy at work, we'll be finished in no time. Join us for the fun!

## THE SEASON OF ADVENT; A SEASON OF HOPE

The season of Advent begins on November 27; this year we'll focus on this holy time as a season of hope in our lives. Please join us for these four weeks of watching and waiting which take us to our celebration of Christmas.

## CANCELLATIONS

If it is necessary to cancel our service of worship due to weather conditions (or for some other unexpected reason), it will be posted ONLY on WCSH Channel 6. Please bear this in mind when those flakes start to fall!

## OUTREACH

On behalf of the church, the Outreach committee has purchased 25 boxes of stuffing mix and 25 cans of jellied cranberry sauce for the community Thanksgiving dinner. We also made a donation of \$50 to the Sugg Middle School soccer team's Kick for a cure. This donation is for the Maine Children's Cancer Program. As mentioned last month, Outreach will again be collecting gift cards for New Beginnings for the homeless and at risk teens. These cards can be given to Pastor Elizabeth. **COLLECTION IS FROM:** Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. List of gift cards requested: \$5 or \$10 Dunkin Donuts, \$20 Wal-Mart, any amount from Hannaford, Shaw's, Subway, McDonalds, Burger King, Game Shop, Bull Moose, Dollar Tree and Family Dollar. If preferred you can make a donation and we will purchase the cards. Donations can be given to Pastor Elizabeth. Our next meeting is Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

Connie Earle, Chairperson

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

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

## HOLIDAY FAIR AND SILENT AUCTION

Our annual Holiday Fair and Silent auction is right around the corner. Be sure to mark your calendars and come see us on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, from 5-7 and Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> from 9-2. Crafts, a wide selection of home baked goodies, a wide selection of used books, some fantastic items on the silent auction table as well as several vendors who will be selling their items. Coffee and donuts will be available from 9-10:30 and hot dogs will be ready at 11. All items for the bake sale table need to be at the church by 11:00 on Friday. If you are donating crafts be sure to price them yourself. You are the only person who knows the value of your items. We'll be setting up the book sale room on Wed. and the rest of the fair on Fri. if you would like to help for a couple hours. We could also use a couple of volunteers to man tables on Friday evening. It's not too late to volunteer. Let me know if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

Trudy Duval

Chairperson

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR LAY LEADER

As I write this I am thinking about November, Thanksgiving, and gratitude. I am so grateful for so many things; God, our church, my family and friends. I could go on and on. Try thinking of things you are grateful for. I suggest we take it one step further and during the month of November spend some time each day remembering things we are grateful for. Think of it as a Thanksgiving calendar, like an advent calendar.

To help us along, try reading Psalm 100:

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come before the Lord, singing with joy.

Acknowledge that the Lord is God!

The Lord made us, and we are the Lord's.

We are the Lord's people, the sheep of the Lord's pasture.

Enter the Lord's gates with thanksgiving;

Go into the Lord's courts with praise.

Give thanks to the Lord and praise the Lord's name.

For the Lord is good.

The Lord's unfailing love continues forever,

And the Lord's faithfulness continues to each generation.

Eugene Peterson's *The Message* says: "Enter with the password; 'Thank you!'" The way into the presence of God is to give praise and thanks.

Each day start your gratitude meditation with a psalm, like Psalm 100. Then think of all the ways you are grateful. End with a prayer: Thank you God, for all you have given me!

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR LAY LEADER, CONT.

My monthly letter would not be complete without a book report. I recently read: Journeys From There to Here; Stories of Immigrant Trials, Triumph, and Contributions by Susan J. Cohen with Stephen T. Taylor. Published by River Grove Books.

Susan J. Cohen is an immigration lawyer, and in her book she tells the stories of eleven immigrants and their battles to stay in the U.S. I think this is a book worth reading, especially as we listen to the news about “bad illegals” and “drug criminals”. The people described in the book are from all over the world. They have wonderful gifts that are now being shared in this country.

I learned many things about immigration and its complex laws. Some of it is difficult to understand. Imagine if you didn't speak the language or understand the rules? This is the life of many immigrants. (Remember those who were tricked into going to Martha's Vineyard.) There is a non profit group called PAIR which works to help thousands of asylum seekers pro bono. I also learned that there are different types of visas with different limitations. There is asylum for Extraordinary Ability to help gifted people find a place in America. The paperwork for any type of asylum is huge. It takes months, even years to assemble affidavits and proof of credentials. All this from countries that do not provide these things to their people who are seeking safety here from death threats. The immigrant has to secure a temporary green card and then apply for permanent residence. Without these things the person cannot work or obtain a work permit or visa. They also do not qualify for federal help without the legal documents. Therefore, the idea that we are helping illegals with our welfare system is incorrect. I hope you will take the time to read about this issue, especially in this book. It made me grateful to live in a free country without legal restraint. I wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving. I am extremely grateful to all of you for your support and love.

Peace,  
Sue White

## BIRTHDAY WISHES



Happy Birthday to the following people who celebrate a birthday in November!

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

1th- George Morgan, Jr

19th- Benjamin Millson

5th- Sean Moore

20th- Jackson White

7th- Dean Logan

23rd- Harvey White, III

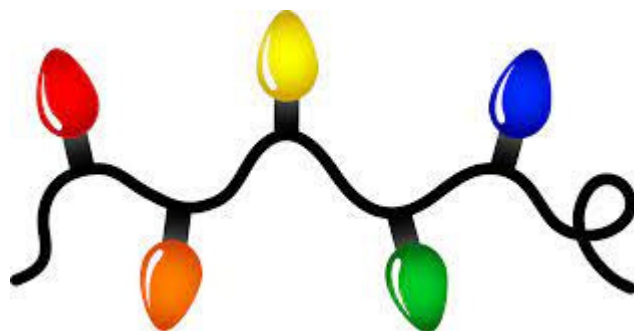
15th- Trudy Duval

29th- Clyde Cavender

Phyllis Sterling

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Come join us on Saturday December 3rd from 8:30-10:00 a.m., and have breakfast with Mr. and Mrs. Santa! A free pancake and sausage breakfast will be provided. If you are interested in volunteering at the breakfast or donating complete pancake mix, juice or milk, please see Trudy Duval.





# November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1-Choir rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.	2	3	4	5-Miss Apple Blossom pageant, 8:00 a.m.
6-Worship in person & virtually w/ Holy communion & All Saints Day, 9:30 a.m.	7-Widows' Fellowship, 11:30 p.m.	8-Outreach Committee, 10:00 a.m.	9-Bishop's Time with the District, Waterville UMC, 6:30 p.m.	10	11-holiday Fair & Silent Auction, 5:00-7:00 p.m.	12-Holiday Fair & Silent Auction, 9:00a.m. –2:00 p.m.
13-Worship in person & virtually, 9:30 w/ a Veterans' Day remembrance	14	15-Readers' Anonymous, 6:30 p.m.,	16-SPRC meeting with DS, 6:00 p.m. Annual church conference w/ DS, 7:00 p.m.	17	18	19
20-Music Sunday worship in person & virtually, 9:30 a.m. Finance, 1:00 p.m. Gift cards for New Beginnings collected	21	22	23	24	25	26-Dine In/Take Out Bean Supper, 4:30 p.m.  Christmas wreaths and kissing balls available for purchase during supper
27-1st Sunday of Advent, worship in person & virtually 9:30  Advent/ Christmas decorating after coffee-Gift Cards for New Beginnings collected	28	29	30			

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

**Office Hours: Wednesday: Times Vary, Thursday 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.,**

**Friday is the Pastor's Sabbath Day**

**Other times available by appointment**

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

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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: Wednesday: Times Vary*

*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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