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The sermon series we shared in July, *Only By God's Grace*, reminded us of the grace that God imparts to us, God's beloved creation. Through our covenant with God, in our call from God, as we receive the unconditional love of God, and then as we share that love with others, we experience God's amazing grace in our lives.

While I shared a few of my favorite Biblical passages which reflected God's grace shared in these ways, there are SO many more. The entire Bible, in fact, is one continuous narrative of the goodness of creation, the brokenness that comes to all of creation through human sin, and then God's gracious efforts to restore creation to wholeness.

We live in an "all about me" society so it's good for us to be reminded that God wants a better way of being for each of us. When we stop to think of God's goodness in our lives, it is God's hope that we will be compelled to share that goodness with others.

Our sung benediction for this series, *Grace Alone*, spoke to me so much when we used it during the Lenten season that I wanted us to use it again this summer. Its lyrics share with us God's call to bring God's grace to bear in the lives of others:

*Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,
Every difference we can make is only by His grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,
Every blessing left behind is only by His grace.*

CHORUS:

*Grace alone, which God supplies; Strength unknown He will
provide;
Christ in us, our cornerstone – We will go forth in grace
alone*



May you live your days not only experiencing God's grace for yourself but also sharing it with others to make our world a kinder, more compassionate place.

God's blessings,
Pastor Elizabeth

IT'S TIME FOR ICE CREAM!

Once again this month we'll gather for ice cream and fellowship and support one of our local businesses. This month we'll gather at the Big Dipper on August 20 at 6:00 pm. Please join us!

SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS!

Our community of faith owes a very special word of thanks to Gwen Rioux for her commitment to organizing the Red Cross Blood Drives that we continually host at our church. Gwen began this ministry with us in August of 2019; this year alone we will host THREE drives.

Gwen's tireless dedication to all the details, assistance in signing up donors, and presence at the drive from start to finish are helping to meet a dire need for blood donations.

THANK YOU, Gwen, for your hard work. YOU are greatly 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

SAVE THE DATE!

The Finance Committee will be sponsoring a yard sale, book sale, and chicken BBQ on Saturday, September 23rd. Please save the date! More information about donations will be shared during worship and in the next newsletter.

LILLYETTE CORNISH COMMITTAL SERVICE

The committal service for our beloved Lillyette Cornish will be held on August 19th at 11:00 am at the West Bowdoin Baptist Church cemetery. The family has requested a graveside service only. A reception following the service will be held at the West Bowdoin Baptist Church.

LUMC Mission Statement:

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

BLOOD DRIVE

On Thursday, July 13th we sponsored and hosted a blood drive for the American Red Cross in the dining room of the church. We stepped in at the last minute as a donation site when the ARC had a sponsor cancel just weeks before the drive. It was a decent blood drive netting 14 units, but what was special about this blood drive was that one of



very own, Randy Jones, was celebrated for the 100th donation! Thank you Randy for being such a faithful blood donor for so many years!



FINANCE INFORMATION

<u>Newsletter Finance Information - as of July 2023</u>		
Annual Budget Amount for Operating Expenses	\$	138,160.00
Monthly Budget Amount for Operating	\$	11,513.33
Total July 2023 Income	\$	6,481.57
Total July 2023 Expenses	\$	5,690.59
Total YTD Income	\$	91,429.25
Total YTD Expense	\$	68,925.78

Legislation

CONSENT CALENDAR I – adopted

CONSENT CALENDAR II – adopted

RS-23-118 2024 Budget Resolutions – approved

RS-23-301 GC Allow Study To Be Fully Online - approved

RS-23-302 Fossil Fuels to UM Investment Screens –approved

- Clare J. Chapman, who has been serving as Acting Treasurer/CFO/Director of Administrative Services – was elected to her position by unanimous vote

RS-23-212 Covenant Hills Visioning Team approved

RS-23-213 NEAC Divest From Fossil Fuels approved

RS-23-214 Fund Black And Urban Churches With Equity approved

RS-23-215 Cancel Conference Debt of Black Churches – approved – as amended

- Amendment – Expands the list of churches affected to 18 Amendment – To line 28 – add Board of Pensions to the groups creating the formal Jubilee Debt Cancellation Agreements

RS-23-216 Praying For Korea’s Peace – approved

RS-23-217 Exploring Land Restitution – approved

RS-23-218 Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion – approved

RS-23-219 Re-Organizing the Connectional Table – approved

RS-23-238 Endorsing A Strategic Vision Forward for NEAC – approved as amended

Historic Questions/Passing of the mantle

The Rev. Dr. Becca Girrell received the 2023 Wilbur C. **Ziegler Award for Excellence in Preaching**. Dr. Girrell serves as pastor of the United Community Church of Morrisville, VT.

LAY MEMBER TO NEW ENGLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT, CONT.

Bryant Awards

Climate Coordinator Grace Pugh Hubbard

Statistical Report

Commission on Religion and Race Report

Disabilities Committee Report

Saturday June 10 Saturday's opening worship service was led by the Black Methodists for Church Renewal (BMCR) and the Black Pastors Fellowship.

Licensed Local Pastors

Certified Lay Ministers

Commissioning of Home Missioner

Laity address by Michelle Fournier

Legislation

RS-23-117 Leadership/Nominations Slate – – approved – as amended

- Amendment to add: “Move that this annual conference create an interim Ethnic Local Church Concerns Committee populated by the [churches identified in the Black Churches Debt resolution June 9](#) and chairs of ethnic caucuses, committees, and commissions. Churches and groups may identify their representatives. Interim ELCC to be convened by the DCM.”

RS-23-237 Election of NE United Methodist Foundation Board – approved

RS-23-211 Property Resolution page – approved

RS-23-105 Health Insurance Co-Pay Premium – – approved

Approved the following resolutions to be sent to the 2024 General Conference

RS-23-303 Adding Diversity to Our Theological Task – approved

RS-23-304 Affirming Gender Identities - approved

RS-23-305 Removing Mandatory Retirement – approved

LAY MEMBER TO NEW ENGLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT, CONT.

Voted to suspend the rules to shorten debate to 2 speeches each pro/con for 2 minutes

RS-23-306 Right to Peacefully Address Injustice approved

RS-23-307 Addressing Israeli Detention of Children approved

RS-23-308 Allow Cancellation Of A General Conference approved

State of the Conference Report

I know this is a lot of information, but it is important in the life of our church as United Methodists. Please feel free to ask me any questions.

Peace, Sue White

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The Evening Circle will be collecting back to school items during the months of July and August to help children be ready for the start of the new school year. If you happen to see some of these items, while shopping, please help us out.

Pencils

Crayons/Markers

Notebooks

Glue Sticks

Folders

Rulers

Pencil Cases

Please no backpacks, as Food City supplies those.

Thanks for your help!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

The Nurture Committee needs your help. We all enjoy the coffee hours after we worship together but they can't happen without your help. Volunteers are needed to provide light refreshments; donuts, muffins, cookies, fruit or cheese and crackers and **help** with the clean-up. Clean-up includes wiping down the tables, putting away any leftovers, emptying and unplugging the coffee maker and maybe washing a couple of dishes. Your help will enable us to continue our fellowship hours throughout 2023. If you have any questions, talk with a Nurture committee member. Thank you.



BIRTHDAY WISHES



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

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

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS 5K RUN/WALK

Join our annual 5k Run/Walk to benefit The Tedford Housing's "Warm They Neighbor", a heating assistant program. For more information and to register, go to our website:

www.lisbonumcurch.org

\$25 Adults/\$15 Students

Register by August 30th to get a t shirt at check in.

Check in/Registration time, 7:30-8:15 a.m.

Race Time: 8:30 a.m.

Walk-ons are welcome!



MOXIE FEST 2023

Another Moxie Festival has come and gone. After months of planning Lisbon's Moxie Fest 2023 came to an end in the early evening hours at Beaver Park with music provided by Runnin' Down a Dream, a Tom Petty cover band. While we certainly haven't seen many days without rain this summer, the festival goers were able to enjoy two days of fun activities until the rains came on Sunday. The heavy rains did not dampen the spirits of the car owners and spectators who came to the car show or those that attended the concerts. We are grateful for all those involved who make this event happen every year.

As chairperson or co-chairperson of this event for the last 10 years I, too, am grateful for the many volunteers who have made our participation in the festival happen. Over the years we have seen many changes take place for many different reasons. The two biggest reasons for the changes have been due to the decline of volunteers and increased costs. Some new ideas worked while others did not. A few years back, when Saturday's weather was predicted to be rainy, we decided to sell lobster/crabmeat rolls Friday night, which was well received by the public. Two years ago we partnered with the Lisbon Library Dept. and after several years of no book sale during the Moxie Festival, we have been able to provide the space for the sale and attendees are thrilled that the sale is happening again. This year over \$1,200 worth of books were sold!! We have tried selling Harmon's clam cakes which we thought would be a win-win for us as Harmon's provided all the equipment; all we needed to do was provide the volunteers. Unfortunately, they never took off. After hearing from festival goers that they were looking for inexpensive activities for their kids we decided to try offering kids' games. The first year we did great with them; the next year we had very little participation. With all activities being moved to the MTM Center due to the construction on Main St. a suggestion was made to sell strawberry shortcake. I'm happy to report that this year's sales were better than last year's for the delicious summer treat.

Izzy's Stuffed Zoo and Emporium has been a great addition to not only what we offer attendees but to the overall Moxie Festival. THANK YOU Barry and Liz!!

With all expenses paid I am happy to report that this year's profit is approximately \$2,600!! This is almost a \$600 increase over last year. There are still a few cases of Moxie left. If anyone is interested: \$5 a case.

As I have said, I will not be chairing this event next year. There are many reasons why but the biggest one is that it's time for new leadership. During my leadership I have found that: volunteer sign-up sheets do not work, people will donate items that can't be sold, deadlines don't mean anything, people don't like change, and folks will criticize but not offer solutions or other ideas. New leadership may be able to handle these issues better than I can.

Once again a big thank you to all those, past and present, who have helped make LUMC's participation in the Lisbon Moxie Festival a success. I have a notebook filled with notes, etc. that I'll be very happy to pass on to the next chairperson.

Trudy Duval



August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1-Pastor Elizabeth on vacation	2-Pastor Elizabeth on vacation	3-Pastor Elizabeth on vacation	4	5
6-Worship in person & virtually w/ Holy Communion, 9:30	7-Widows' fellowship, 11:30 Outreach, 1:30 5K Planning, 6:30	8-Finance, 6:30 p.m.	9	10	11	12-Girl Scouts, 12-4 p.m.
13-Worship in person & virtually, 9:30 Evening Circle, 11:00	14	15	16	17	18	19
20-Worship in person & virtually, 9:30 Ice Cream @ Big Dipper 6:00	21	22	23	24	25	26-Dine in/ Take
27-Worship in person & virtually, 9:30	28	29	30	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

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Sunday Worship Service

Sunday Worship

(In Person and Live Stream on Facebook)

9:30 a.m.

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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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